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## Banks.

### THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.  
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... Yen 24,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... " 18,000,000  
CAPITAL UNCALLED ..... " 6,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... " 9,210,000

Head Office: YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies:  
TOKIO. KOBE.  
NAGASAKI. LONDON.  
LYONS. NEW YORK.  
SAN FRANCISCO. HONOLULU.  
BOMBAY. SHANGHAI.  
TIENSIN. NEWCHANG.  
PEKING.

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.  
THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LD.  
HONGKONG BRANCH: INTEREST ALLOWED:  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent  
per Annum on the Daily Balance.  
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

TARO HODSUMI,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1903. [21]

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$1,000,000  
STERLING RESERVE ..... \$10,000,000  
SILVER RESERVE ..... \$16,500,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
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HONGKONG—J. R. M. SMITH.  
SHANGHAI—H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.  
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent  
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per Annum.  
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per Annum.  
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1904. [22]

### HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER CENT. per annum.  
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.  
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1904. [23]

### THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital ..... \$1,000,000  
Paid up Capital ..... \$324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.  
Board of Directors:  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. J. Focke, Esq.  
Creasy Ewens, Esq. G. C. Moxon, Esq.  
Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed ..... 5%  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1904. [24]

### THE DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... Sh. Tael 5,000,000  
HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES: Hankow  
Calcutta  
Tientsin (Kiautschou)

LONDON BANKERS:  
Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,  
UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.  
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY  
DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account.  
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
H. FIGGE,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1903. [25]

### TO LET.

NO. 1, RIFON TERRACE in FLATS.  
No. 4, RIFON TERRACE.  
No. 15, WONG NEI CHONG ROAD, facing Race Course.  
FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing Polo Ground.  
OFFICES in course of erection, CONNAUGHT ROAD (near BLAKE PIER).  
GODOWN No. 3A, BLUE BUILDINGS.  
GODOWNS: PRAYA EAST.  
No. 10, MACDONNELL ROAD.

Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [26]

### TO LET.

No. 71, WYNDHAM STREET.  
CHEAPEST HOUSES IN THE COLONY.  
MORRISON HILL GAP ROAD. Nice Houses, 4 Rooms, Bath Rooms, Out-houses and Verandahs. Only \$40 inclusive of Taxes.  
WILD DELL BUILDINGS, No. 147, WANCHAI ROAD. Comfortable and Airy Flats of 2 or 3 Rooms, from \$25 inclusive of Taxes. And others to suit various requirements.  
S. A. SETH,  
Land and Estate Broker,  
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1904. [27]

### HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.  
Hongkong, 4th December, 1904. [28]

### INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL, SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS,  
GOLD \$7,992,173.37 = about £1,640,000.  
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS AUTHORIZED  
GOLD \$10,000,000 = £2,055,000.

HEAD OFFICE:  
1, WALL STREET, NEW YORK.  
LONDON OFFICE:  
THREADNEEDLE HOUSE, E.C.

BRANCHES AT:  
SAN FRANCISCO, WASHINGTON,  
MEXICO, MANILA, SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE, YOKOHAMA, BOMBAY, CALCUTTA

AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD  
LONDON AND CONTINENTAL BANKERS:  
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, LIMITED,  
UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.  
CREDIT LYONNAIS, DRESDENER BANK,  
COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, &c.

THE Corporation transacts every Description of Banking and Exchange Business, receives Money in Current Account and issues Fixed Deposit Receipts either in Gold or Silver at Rates which may be ascertained on Application.

HONGKONG BRANCH:  
20, DES VUEUX ROAD CENTAL.  
CHARLES R. SCOTT,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [19]

### IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE  
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1890.

Shanghai Tael:  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... 5,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
Branches and Agencies:  
CANTON. PENANG.  
CHEFOO. SINGAPORE.  
HANKOW. TIENSIN.  
PEKING.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH:  
Advances made on approved securities.  
Bills discounted.  
INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

On Fixed Deposits for 6 months, 3 per cent.  
On Fixed Deposits for 3 months, 2 per cent.  
E. W. RUTTER,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1903. [18]

### THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... £800,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS ..... £800,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £725,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.  
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.  
On Fixed Deposits for 6 months, 3 per cent.  
On Fixed Deposits for 3 months, 2 per cent.  
T. P. COCHRANE,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [24]

### Hotel.

### KING EDWARD HOTEL.

A HIGH CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL.

LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA ROOMS.

PRIVATE BAR  
AND  
BILLIARD ROOMS.

Hot and Cold Water throughout.  
Electrically Lighted.  
Electric Fans (if required).  
Electric Passenger Elevator to each Floor.  
Table D' Hote at Separate Tables.  
For Terms, &c., apply to the  
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1902. [31]

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CHEAPEST HOUSES IN THE COLONY.

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [26]

## Mails.

### PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS.	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
YOKOHAMA VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE. (Passing through the Inland Sea).	MALACCA ..... A. F. Street.	About 11th March	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	BALLAARAT ..... C. R. Longden, R.N.R.	Noon, 12th March	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	SIMLA ..... F. R. Summers	About 12th March	Freight and Passage.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	BORNEO ..... G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	About 17th March	Freight only.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [4]

### IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;  
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;  
ALSO  
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;

Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
ROON	WEDNESDAY, 16th March.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 30th March.
HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY, 13th April.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 27th April.
OLDENBURG	WEDNESDAY, 11th May.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 25th May.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 8th June.
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY, 22nd June.
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY, 6th July.
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY, 20th July.

\* Steamer of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 16th day of March, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship "ROON," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain G. Meiners, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above. Calling at NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 14th instant, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 15th March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 15th March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement. The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Linen can be washed on board.

### NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [13]

## Intimations.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

THE FAVOURITE BRAND  
FOR TWENTY YEARS.



AS SUPPLIED TO THE LEADING CLUBS AND HOTELS.  
PRICE: Per Dozen \$17.00. Per Bottle \$1.50.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904. [38]

### THOMAS' HOTEL.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL, most centrally situated; Well furnished and Airy Bedrooms. Monthly Boarders accommodated on very moderate terms.  
For Particulars apply to  
THE MANAGER.

NOTICE  
TO THE WEARIED.

There is no nicer place to spend a few days in quiet rest, than  
MACAO.

And there is no more Comfortable Hotel in the Far East, than the  
MACAO HOTEL.

WM. FARMER,  
Proprietor.

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## Intimations.

Bovril supplies to the body the nourishment it requires, and makes good the muscle, tissue and energy spent during the hurry and worry of the day's work. The very embodiment of strength and sustenance in a digestible form is Bovril.



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JAPAN  COALS.

### THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA (MITSUI & Co.)

HEAD OFFICE—1, SURUGA-CHO, TOKYO.  
LONDON BRANCH—34, LIME STREET, E.C.  
HONGKONG BRANCH—PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, ICE HOUSE STREET.

OTHER OFFICES:

New York, San Francisco, Hamburg, Bombay, Singapore, Sourabaya, Manila, Amoy, Shanghai, Chefoo, Tientsin, Newchwang, Port Arthur, Seoul, Chemulpo, Yokohama, Yokosuka, Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, Maidaura, Kure, Shimonsaki, Moji, Wakamatsu, Karatsu, Nagasaki, Kuchinotsu, Sasebo, Miike, Hakodate, Taipeh, &c.

Telegraphic Address: "MITSUI" (A.B.C. and A 1 Codes).

CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Armaments and the State Railways; Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers.

SOLE PROPRIETORS of the Famous Miike, Tagawa, Yamano and Ida Coal Mines; and SOLE AGENTS for Fushimata, Hokoku, Hondo, Ichimura, Kanada, Mameda, Mannoura, Onoura, Otsuji, Sasahara, Tsubakuro, Yoshinotani, Yoshio, Yunkibara and other Coals.  
N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong

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### H. PRICE & CO.

WINE MERCHANTS,

12 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Picnic parties furnished with wines, etc., at a moment's notice.

Contracts made on special terms with Caterers, Committees, Messes and Captains of Steamers. All Wines, Spirits and Beers supplied are guaranteed.

Price list on application. TELEPHONE No. 135.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1903. [41]



### AQUARIUS.

A PERFECT TABLE WATER

MADE FROM

PURE TREBLE DISTILLED WATER.

Telephone  
No. 75.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS,  
15, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [42]

### INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

The attention of consumers is drawn to the fact that the Undersigned, being Sole Agents for

DR. AUER VON WELSBACH Co.,  
VIENNA.

THE INVENTORS OF INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

ARE SELLING THE ONLY GENUINE MANTLES,  
The Price of which has been reduced to  
FIFTY CENTS per piece.

BEWARE OF INFERIOR IMITATIONS!

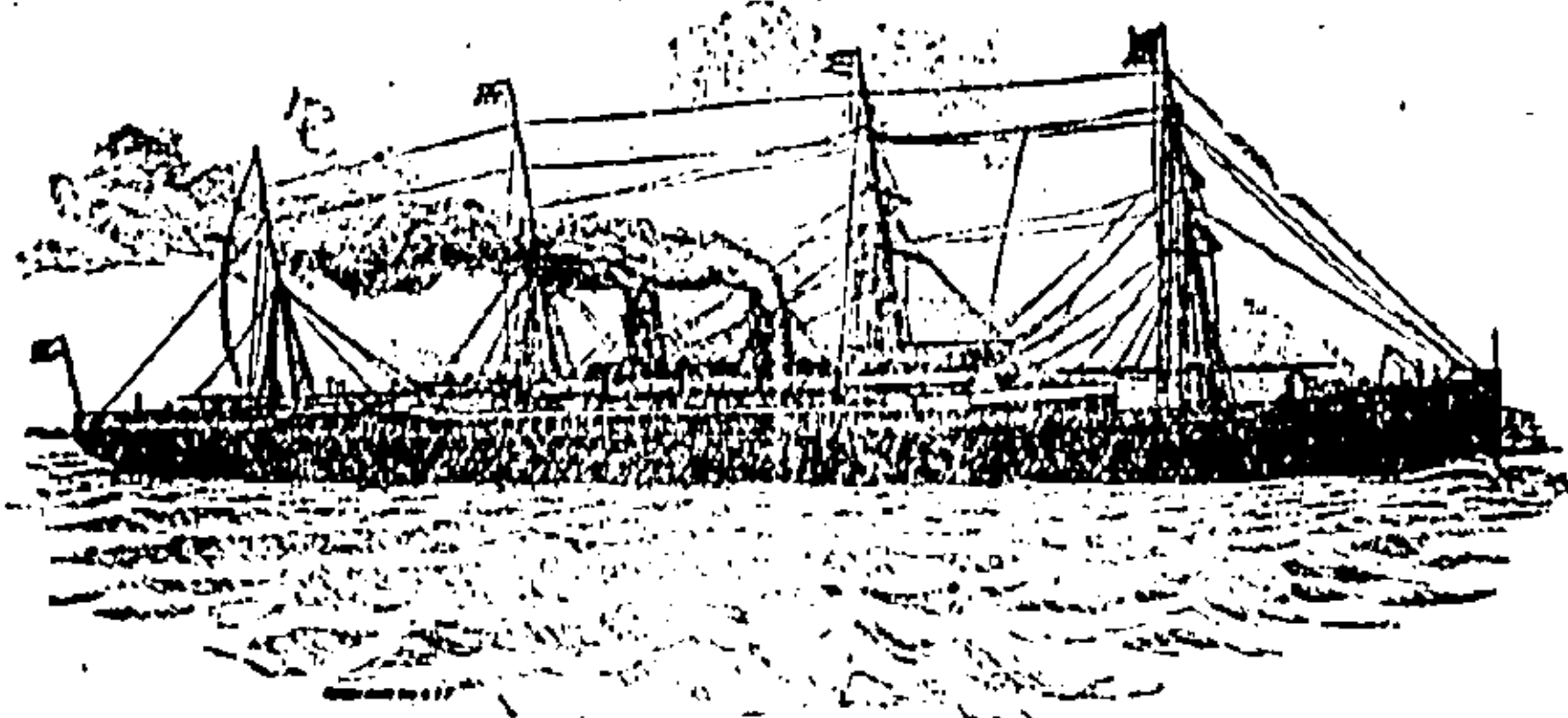
KRUSE & Co.,  
CONNAUGHT HOUSE.

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## Mails.

## U.S. MAIL LINES.



PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO.,  
TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,  
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"GAELIC"	4,205 Gross Tons	SATURDAY, 19th March, at Daylight.
"CHINA"	5,060 "	TUESDAY, 5th April, at Noon.
"DORIO"	4,784 "	THURSDAY, 14th April, at Noon.
"SIBERIA"	11,284 "	SATURDAY, 30th April, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	4,352 "	SATURDAY, 7th May, at Noon.
"KOREA"	11,276 "	TUESDAY, 24th May, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 11,276 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

The O. & O. Company's Steamship "GAELIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 19th March, at Daylight, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (First-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS, Special rates (first class only) are confined and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

## FEATURES OF THIS LINE.

The largest and steadiest and fastest passenger ships on the Pacific.

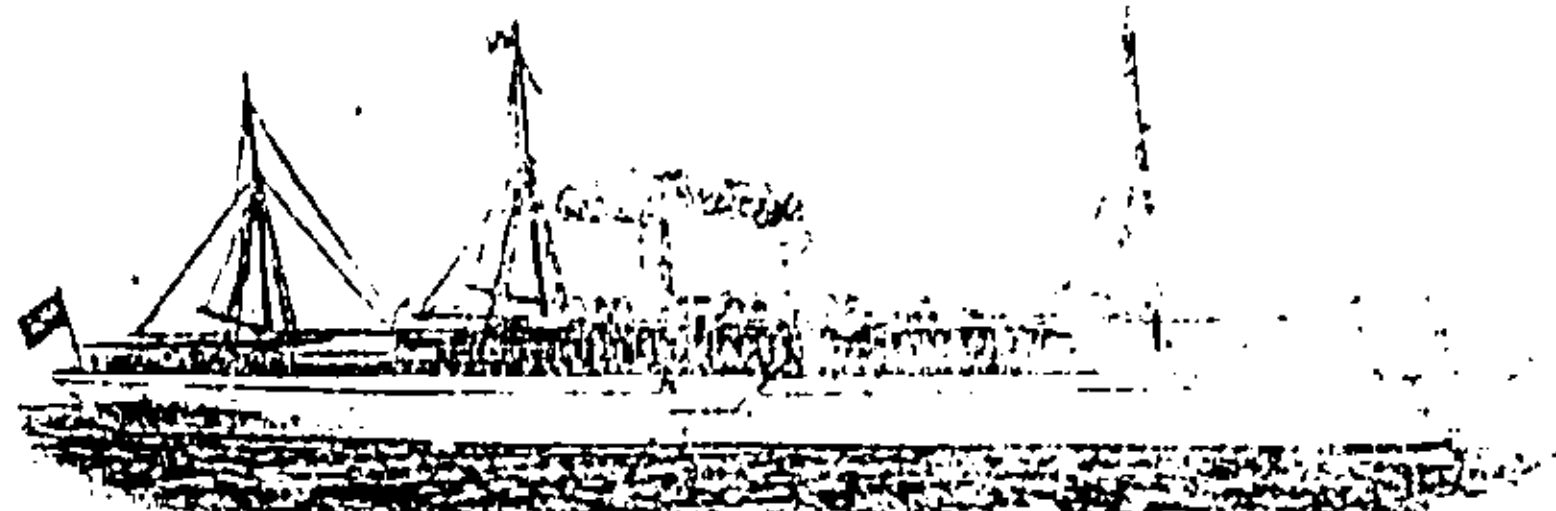
Southern Route; passengers enjoy outdoors throughout; deck bathing. The call at Honolulu, Oahu, the most fertile and beautiful island of the Pacific. The only line to San Francisco, the greatest port of the Pacific.

Sailings positively on schedule date.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S  
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA  
AND THE UNITED STATES.  
(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)  
SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

SAVING 3 TO 7 DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

"EMPRESS" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 10 knots.  
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 23rd March.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 6th April.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 20th April.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 4th May.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	

Hongkong to London, 1st Class.....£21 St. Lawrence £60. Via New York £62.  
Hongkong to London, Intermediate on  
Steamers, and 1st Class Rail.....£40.....£42.

THE magnificent Twin-screw "EMPRESS" Steamships pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, and make connection with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of Chinese and Japanese Governments.

For further information, Maps, Guides, Hand Books, Rates of Freight and Passage, apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,  
9, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1904.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.  
OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT: BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG  
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
BAMBERG	HAYRE AND HAMBURG.	21st March. Freight.
Miltzsch	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	
SAMBIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG.	22nd March. Freight.
Luning	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	
ABESSINIA	HAYRE AND HAMBURG.	5th April. Freight.
Filler	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	
BRISGAVIA	HAYRE AND HAMBURG.	10th April. Freight.
Schulke	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	
SUEVIA	HAYRE AND HAMBURG.	19th April. Freight.
Borck	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	
ARTEMISIA	HAYRE AND HAMBURG.	3rd May. Freight.
Gronmeyer	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	
MARBURG	HAYRE AND HAMBURG.	17th May. Freight.
Stern	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
HONGKONG OFFICE,  
No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1904.

GO TO THE  
**KOWLOON HOTEL,**  
KOWLOON.  
J. W. OSBORNE,  
Proprietor and Manager.

## Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND  
WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LTD.

## HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S. "HONAM"	2,363 tons	Captain H. D. Jones.
"POYAN"	2,338 "	" G. P. Morrison, R.N.R.
"FATSHAN"	2,390 "	" A. W. Dixon.
"HANKOW"	3,073 "	" C. V. Lloyd.
"KINSHAN"	2,660 "	" J. J. Lessius.

Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON daily at 8 A.M. (Sunday excepted) and at 5.30 P.M. and 9 P.M. (Saturday excepted).

Departures from CANTON to HONGKONG daily at 8 A.M., 2.30 P.M. and 5.30 P.M. (Sunday excepted).

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.  
HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HEUNG SHAN"	1,998 tons	Captain W. E. Clarke.
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Departures from Hongkong to Macao on week days at 2 P.M. and on Sundays at 12.30 P.M.

Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8 A.M.

## CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNG SHAN"	2,19 tons	Captain T. Hamlin.
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This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 A.M.

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S.S. "SAINAM"	588 tons	Captain B. Branch.
"NANNING"	569 "	" C. Butchart.
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Hongkong, 25th January, 1904.

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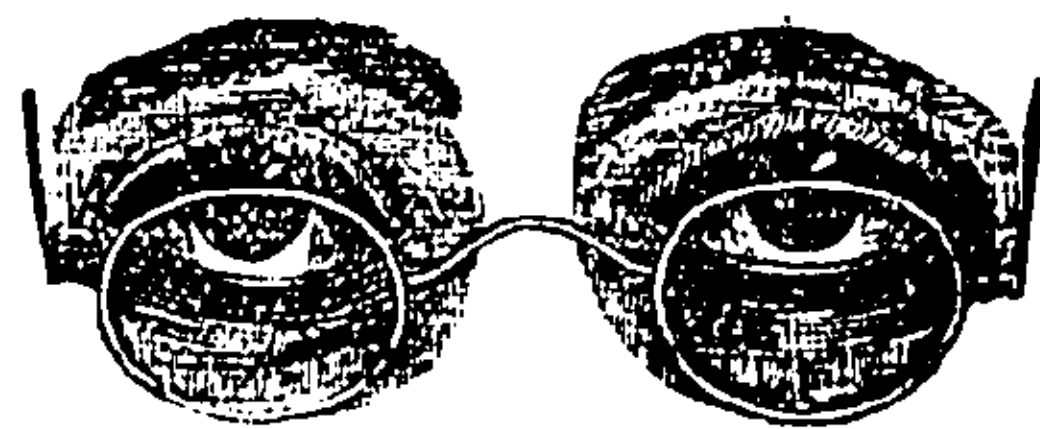
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Hongkong, 1st November, 1902.

THE MANAGER.

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## EYE-SIGHT.



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No charge for testing the eyes.

Glasses and frames of all kinds and qualities.

Prices from \$2 upwards.

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Hongkong, 6th November, 1903.

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ENGLISH necessary. An investment of \$5,000  
would realise a good monthly profit with absolute  
safety; all Cash dealings; no credit. Suit  
Lady or Gentleman. Address S. and T., care  
of this paper.  
Hongkong, 9th March, 1904. [334]

## THE AMERICAN SYSTEM

OF  
DENTISTRY.

DR. M. H. CHAUN,  
27, DES VREUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.  
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.  
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904. [58]

## DENTISTRY.

SUI SANG,  
(Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA),  
DENTIST,  
No. 20, Connaught Road Central.  
Hongkong, 9th February, 1904. [57]

## TSU FAN

DENTIST.  
PRICE MODERATE—CONSULTATION FREE.  
Next to the Hongkong Dispensary,  
59, Queen's Road, Central.  
Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [50]



1904-1905.

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10 A.M. on the 18th March, 1904, from persons  
desirous of SUPPLYING BEEF, MUTTON,  
FOWLS, BREAD, PURE COW'S MILK,  
AERATED WATERS, ICE, and other provisions,  
and necessaries for the year ending  
31st March, 1905.  
Sealed Tenders in Duplicate will also be  
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can be obtained at the R. N. HOSPITAL.  
The right to reject the lowest or any Tender  
is reserved.  
(Signed) W. B. DREW,  
Dep. Insp. General.

R. N. Hospital,  
Hongkong, 9th March, 1904. [350]

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## PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 37½ lbs. net \$4.75 ex Factory.  
In Bags of 25 lbs. net \$2.85 ex Factory.  
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Length inside, 514 ft. Width of  
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Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to  
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Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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## HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN,

PLUNKET'S GAP, the PEAK, near the TRAM TERMINUS, Tel. 56.

For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

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CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS of the Company will be held at  
the Offices of the General Agents on THURSDAY,  
the 24th March, 1904, at 11 A.M., for the purpose  
of receiving the Report and Statement of  
Accounts for the year ending 31st December,  
1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from 11th to 24th March,  
both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1904. [343]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHARE-  
HOLDERS of the Company will be held at  
the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's  
Street, on THURSDAY, the 24th March, at  
12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the  
Report and Statement of Accounts to 31st  
December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from 11th to 24th March, both  
days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [339]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of \$22.50 per Share for  
the year ending 31st December, 1902,  
declared at to-day's Ordinary Annual Meeting,  
will be payable at the Premises of the HONG-  
KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION  
on and after MONDAY, the 7th instant, and  
Hongkong Shareholders are requested to apply  
for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the Com-  
pany's Offices, Pedder's Street.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [341]

## WANTED.

TWO CHINESE MASTERS for a School  
in Yunnan. A knowledge of ENGLISH  
and MAN-DAIN necessary. Application  
should be addressed to the Education Department,  
Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1904. [329]

## WANTED.

A SECRETARY for THE MERCANTILE  
MARINE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION. Salary  
\$180 per Month, Free House, Light, Coal and  
Medical Attendance.  
Applications to be Addressed  
PRESIDENT, MERCANTILE MARINE  
OFFICERS ASSOCIATION,  
Shanghai, 1st March, 1904. [313]

## WANTED.

POSITION as NURSE or TRAVELLING  
COMPANION to Lady or Children.  
Return Passage required, if Travelling.  
Apply to—  
No. 267,  
C/o The H.K. Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [267]

## WANTED.

GOOD CLERK Wanted, European or  
other.  
Apply to—  
ROBINSON PIANO CO., LD.,  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1904. [247]

## WANTED.

SITUATION by a YOUNG EUROPEAN  
with Bank Experience and a Good  
Knowledge of English, French and Spanish  
Languages.  
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Hongkong, 15th August, 1903.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY  
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS in the above Company, will be  
held at the Company's Office, No. 14, Des  
Vaux Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the  
19th March, 1904, at 11 A.M., for the purpose  
of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the  
Report of the General Managers for the year  
ending 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED on Wednesday, the 16th  
March, to Saturday, the 19th March, both days  
inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [312]

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of  
the above Company will be held at the Office of  
the Company, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, on  
SATURDAY, the 19th March, 1904, at 12  
o'clock Noon, to receive a Statement of Accounts  
to the 31st December, 1903, and the Report of  
the General Manager and Consulting Com-  
mittee and to elect a Consulting Committee  
and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th  
of March, both days inclusive.

J. WHEELLEY,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1904. [334]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
will be held at the Company's Hotel on  
SATURDAY, the 19th March, 1904, at Noon,  
for the purpose of receiving a Statement of  
Accounts of the Company to the 31st December,  
1903, with the Report of the Directors, and to  
discuss any matter that may be competently  
brought before the meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 19th  
March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MOONEY,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1904. [333]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that,  
on and after this Date, they can obtain  
SCRIP CERTIFICATES FOR SHARES OF THE  
NEW ISSUE IN EXCHANGE FOR HONG-  
KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK RECEIPTS on  
Application at the REGISTERED OFFICES of  
the Company, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road  
Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [257]

THE TRYPOGRAPH DUPLICATOR  
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## BRITISH BORNEO.

## ADMINISTRATIVE FRICION IN THE COLONY.

There was strong suspicion abroad three years ago when Mr. Hugh Clifford retired from the Governorship of British North Borneo that there was some unpleasant trouble brewing in the inner official circle over the administration of this interesting and promising State. Again lately some friction has apparently come up between the Governor, Mr. E. W. Birch, and the British North Borneo Company, with the result that this able and experienced official has left his post to come home and consult the Colonial Office authorities on the position.

The history of the British settlement in North Borneo has followed the lines now so familiar in connection with the exploitation of new territories, and the granting of a protecting Royal Charter to the company engaged in working the territory was the customary prelude to the eventual establishment, at the proper moment, of an official British colony, administered directly as it were by the Crown. Ever since the Nigerian provinces were taken over by the Imperial authority from the Royal Niger Company five years ago there has been a feeling in colonial quarters that the time had come also for the official absorption of the Sandakan State.

## BEGINNINGS OF THE COLONY.

The first British settlement in North Borneo was established as far back as 1762, when the old East India Company opened a station on the island of Balam-bangan, on the extreme northern point of the great Dyak Island, and not far from Sandakan. Thirteen years later the pirates raided the place, and the survivors escaped to Labuan and settled there. In 1803 another attempt was made to establish a trading colony at Balam-bangan, and also in Marudu Bay, on the mainland opposite, but this also failed miserably, and the East India Company gave Borneo up as a bad job.

Sir James Brooke set up the independent State of Sarawak in 1840, and also built a constitution for neighbouring Brunei under the exclusive influence of Great Britain, and by this plan Labuan became a British dependency in 1846. In 1865 some adventurous Americans secured large concessions from the Sultan of Brunei, and were going to work wonder, but were put out of court before they could make a start of any sort. Then in 1872 was formed the Labuan Trading Company, with headquarters at Sandakan, and later on this concern came under the managing control of Mr. W. C. Cowie, now known for so long as the managing director of the British North Borneo Company. A quarter of a century back Sir Alfred Dent and Baron Overbeck obtained concessions from the Sultans of Sulu and Brunei, by which the boundaries of the territory now known as British North Borneo were extended to where they have since remained. The R.N.B. Company assumed formal possession in 1882, and six years later the Imperial Government established a protectorate over the country by agreement with "The State of North Borneo." Under this bargain, or bond, the company is entitled to carry on the administration of the country as an independent State, under the protection of the British Government, the latter having the right to appoint all consular officials and conduct all foreign relations, but without interfering in any way with the internal administration of affairs.

## AN ANOMALOUS POSITION.

It is not admitted in official circles, but it is understood by independent authorities outside, that both Mr. Clifford and Mr. Birch have been working towards bringing about the complete transfer of the Sandakan administration to the hands of the Colonial Department. As the constitution of the State stands the country is now governed directly by the court of directors of the B.N.B. Company in London, who among other things appoint the Governor, subject, of course, to the formal sanction of the Colonial Secretary of State. Obviously this arrangement places the Sandakan Governor in an anomalous position. In the cases of the two Governors mentioned, both had previously been serving the Colonial Department in the Straits Settlements, and being young men of proved talents, would naturally desire to follow out their careers in the service. Mr. Clifford, after his short term in Sandakan, left the East altogether, and last year accepted the office of Colonial Secretary in Trinidad. His transference from the Far East to the Far Occident was a loss to both the East and to literature, of which there is good proof in the number of valuable and interesting books he has written on Malaysia and its people. Of Mr. Birch, it is said that he will now return to the Straits Settlements, where service he joined the year after his father's assassination at Perak in 1875. It is curious to note that twenty years later Mr. Birch became British Resident in Perak, the position held by his father when the revolt took place.

## AN INVESTIGATION NEEDED.

In view of the obvious difficulties that have arisen, and must continue to crop up under the existing arrangement, it would seem to be necessary that the whole position in British North Borneo should be closely and independently investigated. This interruption of Governors in their work cannot be good either in the interests of the B. N. B. Company or of the Imperial Government, and some more businesslike system should be adopted if possible. The natural resources and potential wealth of the country are enormous, there are excellent harbours all round the coast, suitable markets are within easy reach, and the development of the State ought to be going forward at a rapid rate. This cannot be, however, while there is any harping on bungling among the controllers and the executive officials, and it is high time that the whole question was brought forward for serious consideration. Mr. Lyall has a chance here, if he likes to take advantage of it—*Morning Leader*.

## Intimations.

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**PRINCIPAL:**

**WARWICK PEELE,** (late Special Reporter, British Houses Lords, Commons and High Courts.)

**Hongkong, 4th March, 1904.** [298]

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**Hongkong, 10th January, 1903.** [54]

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**Hongkong, 7th March, 1904.**

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**NOTICE.**

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**G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.**

**Hongkong, 9th March, 1904.**

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**Hongkong, 17th November, 1903.** [31]

## Auctions.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

**PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS** of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 14th day of March, 1904, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Shau-Ki-Wan, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
Shau-Ki-Wan Lot No. 403	Shau-Ki-Wan	ft. ft. ft. ft.	82 95 95 82	7.750	14 3.33

Hongkong, 9th March, 1904. [351]

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## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
Kowloon Island Lot No. 1,154	Austin Road	ft. ft. ft. ft.	103 100 100 86.9	10.000	80 3.000

Hongkong, 9th March, 1904. [352]

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**SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong, 18th Mar. 1904.** [57]

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**Hongkong, 10th March, 1904.** [292]

**TO LET.**

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**Apply to THE SAM WANG CO., LD.**

**Hongkong, 5th February, 1904.** [218]

## Consignees.

**NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

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**The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.**

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**Hongkong, 4th March, 1904.** [12]

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## BIRTH.

On the 27th February, at No. 1 Bund, Yokohama, the wife of HERBERT IRVING BELL, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

At Holy Trinity Parish Church, Eltham, Kent, on 2nd Feb., by the Rev. Frank C. Bainbridge-Bell, M.A., assisted by the Rev. Peter Lambert, M.A., FRANCIS DAVID, second son of the late William MacLaggart, of Eltham and Mrs. MacLaggart, Thetford, to DOROTHY JANNY, third daughter of Edmunds Massey Esq., North Park, Eltham.

On February 25th, at H. B. M.'s Consulate, Kobe, and afterwards at Trinity College Chapel, Osaka, Mr. FREDERICK PARROTT to Dr. M. E. OSMORN CLAYVER.

On the 27th February, at St. George's Church, Penang, by the Rev. F. W. Haines, M.A., Colonial Chaplain, JAMES ALEXANDER, 4th son of the late Dr. J. Ivor Murray, formerly H.M.'s Colonial Surgeon, Hongkong, to LUCY MAXTON, younger daughter of the late Colonel William Barber, 33rd Madras Infantry, and of Mrs. Barber of Adelaide, South Australia.

On the 29th February, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, by the Venerable Archdeacon W. H. C. Dunkley, M.A., MAXWELL THOMSON, eldest son of the late Rev. T. H. Morris, formerly Vicar of Morton Morrell, Warwickshire, to MARGARET ELIZA, youngest daughter of the Rev. E. B. Scott, Rector of Clonmore, County Kilkenny, Ireland, and niece of the Venerable the Archdeacon of Leighlin.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1904.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The parcel mail for Europe per s.s. *Coromandel* will close punctually at 3 p.m. to-morrow.The *Courrier Saigon* announces that several cases of bubonic plague have occurred lately at Hanoi.

A BOWLING match Navy vs. a team from the Hongkong Club will be rolled off on Monday, the 14th instant. The following will bowl for the Club: J. D. Auld, C. P. Chater, A. Ellis, T. C. Gray, E. A. Hankey, W. A. Sims, G. Morton Smith, G. A. Woodcock (Captain).

The N. Y. K. steamship, *Hiroshima-maru*, which is chartered by the Government as a transport, went aground in the early hours of 26th ult. near Imabara. In response to telegrams for assistance the Superintendent, Mr. Iwafuji, who happened to be at Ujima, left by the *Aki-maru* for the scene of the mishap, while Mr. Paxton, of the Kobe branch, also set out to render assistance. The *Kobe Chronicle* understands that the *Hiroshima-maru* was got off the sand-bank before Mr. Paxton arrived.

By kind permission of Lt. Col. Fremonger and officers, the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Friday, the 11th instant, (weather permitting).

March	On the Road	Old Home
Obituary	"Sons of the Sea"	Rossini
Soprano	La Tontine	Adam
Song	An Morn	Schubert
Soprano	Remembrance of the Plantations	Chambers
Violon	Reverie	Faure
Polytone	La Tontine	

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:

Butterfield & Swire	\$100
V. H. Deacon	100
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	100
Jardine, Matheson & Co.	100
Reiss & Co.	100
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	75
W. B. Dixon	50
Kwok Ching Chun	50
C. A. Tomes	50
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J. Gosmann	25
Tai Shing Paper Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	25
X. ....	10
P. H. H. ....	5
T. C. G. ....	5
P. S. I. ....	5
R. S. P. ....	5

## THE NATIONAL BANK CASE.

Before the Chief Justice (Sir W. M. Good-man) and a special jury, the action brought by the National Bank of China against Chee On and Co., coal merchants, 22, Li Yuen East Street, and Chan Lai Chiu, of Kobe, to recover the sum of \$64,000 odd, due on bills of exchange drawn in Japan for payment in Hongkong, which were dishonoured, and charges incurred in connection therewith, was continued this morning.

Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. H. W. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, and Deacon) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), appeared for the defendants.

Counsel addressed the jury and after tiffin his Lordship summed up the facts of the case. On an issue regarding negligence the jury found for the plaintiff.

HONGKONG & KOWLOON  
WHARF AND GODOWN  
CO., LIMITED.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventeenth ordinary annual meeting of this company was held at the Company's offices, 2, Connaught Road, at 12.15 p.m. to-day. There were present:—Hon. C. W. Dickinson, (Chairman), Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. E. Goetz, A. Haupt, E. A. Hewett, A. J. Raymond, H. Schubart, E. Shellim, N. A. Siebs, E. S. Wheeler, and A. G. Wood (directors). R. J. Macgowan (acting secretary), R. C. Wilcox, F. D. Barretto, J. R. Michael, and S. J. Michael.

The notice convening the meeting having been read,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen. The report on the accounts have been in your hands for several days and I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. There was a satisfactory increase of business during the year, and a good demand existed for godown accommodation. We were able, with the large premises we have erected in recent years, to meet all the demands made upon us, with the result that we are able to come before you with the best balance sheet the Company has ever shown; while the policy we have pursued of keeping abreast, and perhaps even a little ahead, of the times in regard to first-class godowns has been proved to be a sound one. The Company's house property has also been well let during the year. The balance at credit of profit and loss account, including \$14,481.69 brought forward from 1902, is \$215,665.41. It is proposed to write off wharves and other property \$67,149.73. At first sight this may appear a large amount to devote to that purpose, but you will bear in mind that during the previous two years our earnings did not admit of making the provision we should otherwise have done, and your directors have, for that reason, decided to write off rather more freely than usual. Turning to the working account, it is satisfactory to note that while the gross revenue is \$69,245.41 more than in 1902, the expenditure is nearly \$10,000 less. Last year I referred to the fact that no case of plague had occurred in the quarters of our Chinese employees, and I am pleased to be able to still make the same statement. The somewhat heavy expense incurred in sanitary reforms has been amply repaid by what we may regard as the result. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions that shareholders may have to ask.

Mr. J. R. Michael congratulated the directors and management upon the very splendid accounts presented to the shareholders, and also upon the great economy which had been effected in the working of the company. With regard to the profits he noticed that \$79,245.40 had been made more than was the case in 1902, and in spite of the Chairman's speech, at the last meeting, which was rather pessimistic of there being very little prospect for the ensuing year. Shareholders had been receiving dividends from 1898, 1899, 1900, and 1901 at the rate of 25 s. a share, when the company's profits were less than in the past year. In 1902, as the profits were less, owing to bad times, the dividend was reduced to 24 s. per share, while, in 1903—he might call it a year of plenty because the profit made was really more than what was expected—it was raised to 25 s. again. He maintained that shareholders looked forward to being treated according to the prosperity of the company. With regard to writing down, with which he was very much in favour, there being no better principle than doing so to a fair and reasonable amount, he observed that, two years ago, their chairman, who was then Mr. Bell-Irving, told them that their property was in a splendid condition, and the wharves, railways, rolling stock, launches, lighters and machinery stood in the books at auction prices. That meant a great deal. Since then \$54,444 had been written off and transferred to depreciation account in 1902, and this year the writing down had increased to double that amount, say, \$102,150. In view of what Mr. Bell-Irving told them the shareholders naturally thought the property very sound indeed especially as auction prices meant the lowest possible. Last year's wharves were written down 20 s. What is the life of the wharf, he asked, to write off 20 s. in one year, and when are shareholders going to get the benefit of the prosperous years? He thought he might be told that shareholders would like very much to have a steady dividend, yet he maintained that such was not the case because persons desirous of putting money into steady dividends could invest in debentures of the Company or in fixed deposits with banks. In this instance if there was any prosperity shareholders wanted to participate in it, and if any adversity they went down with it. And, further, Mr. Bell-Irving, speaking two years ago, regarding the value of their assets, said they had magnificent property at Kowloon, comprising over 900,000 square feet of land, standing in the books, including buildings at only \$2.58 per square foot, the land possessing unrivalled deep water frontage and covered with first-class buildings. It was impossible, he thought, to acquire such sites with buildings on them for less than \$7 or \$8 per square foot at the present time. If they based the dividend on the value, shareholders could hardly get 3½%. In view of what he had said, he asked the directors to consider matters a little more from the shareholders' point of view, and try to improve their position according to the progress of the Company's prosperity.

The Chairman pointed out that the facts mentioned by Mr. Michael were before the directors when they decided to make the recommendations embodied in the report. Their aim was to maintain, as far as possible equality in dividends, and in carrying out that object they were last year unable, as he had endeavoured to explain, to write off as much as would have been done had the earnings of the company admitted of it. There might be room for differences of opinion as to the necessity of writing down their property, but there could be none that such a policy strengthened the position of the company, and he was certain it would be favourably regarded by the great majority of shareholders (applause). He thought a steady dividend was preferable to a feast one year and a famine the next, as he understood Mr. Michael to advocate.

Mr. Michael said that as regarded a steady dividend he had already anticipated the Chairman's explanation. He maintained that those people who sought a steady dividend could invest in Bank's fixed deposit or Kowloon Wharf and Godown's debentures. He thought it was evident that the directors had decided to remain the same, and although the profits were \$79,000 odd more than last year shareholders were to get no more. When they put their money into a concern like that they wanted to reap the benefit of its prosperity. He was sure other people were of the same opinion as it was only reasonable they should think so. When they had a bad year the dividend was reduced and shareholders did not complain.

The Chairman replied that the directors regarded the past year as an exceptional one, and rightly so; for, looking back on the past, there was no guarantee of the continuance of the very satisfactory result of last year's working. He thought it was erring on the side of prudence not to declare a very high dividend, in excess of what they had been in the habit of doing, and which might give the impression that they regarded the prosperity of the company as lasting.

Mr. Michael:—Do I gather from the Chairman's remarks that next year, if the Company make about the same profit we will get better dividend?

The Chairman observed that next year must look after itself, and he could not say what would be done.

There being no further questions, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Wilcox, in seconding, said that with regard to what Mr. Michael had stated, he thought most of the shareholders would be of the opinion of the Chairman that it was safe and more prudent to have a steady and smaller dividend. He quite sympathised with Mr. Michael about wishing to get a larger dividend if the profits of the company permitted, and thought that if the profits continued to increase they should get an increased dividend. Before asking for that, however, they ought at least to see, for two or three years, a settled and continued prosperity that would enable them to get it upon that footing and be sure of their ground. The best way was to continue to write off depreciation a very large amount. The wear and tear of the wharves was very great, and also of the godowns, and he thought it would be much more prudent to put a generous sum to depreciation.

The motion was carried.

## DIRECTORS.

The Chairman proposed, Mr. Barretto seconded, and it was agreed, that the appointment of Mr. Ed. Shellim and Mr. E. S. Wheeler as directors be confirmed.

The Chairman proposed, Mr. S. J. Michael seconded, and the meeting approved, that the retiring directors, Mr. H. Schubart and Mr. C. H. Thompson, be re-elected.

## AUDITORS.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. R. Michael, Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready, and could be had on application. They would not be sent out.

## SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon in the Board Room. Present:—The President (Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, P.C.M.O.), Hon. W. Chatham (Vice President), Mr. Ahmet Rumjahn, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. Fung Wa Chun, Dr. Pearce (Acting M.O. H.), Dr. Barnett (Assistant M.O. H.), Col. Webb, Mr. G. A. Woodcock, Secretary, and Mr. T. A. Hammer, Assistant Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meetings were confirmed.

## THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

Mr. Ahmet Rumjahn, pursuant to notice, moved that steps be taken by the Board to remedy the defects in the drainage system introduced by the Sanitary Surveyor into the block of buildings known as Nos. 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58 and 60 Cairne Road.

Mr. Rumjahn was speaking when we went to press.

A detailed account of this discussion will appear in our to-morrow's issue.

## SINKING OF A WELL.

Messrs. Palmer and Turner sent in an application for permission to sink a well on Marine Lot No. 185 adjoining the new Tai Ping theatre, for the purpose of filling the tanks with water to be used in case of fire.

Dr. Pearce intimated that whatever purpose a well was originally intended to serve, it might in time of drought be used for obtaining drinking water from, and he therefore recommended, as a precaution, that the well be sunk in the middle of the vacant piece of ground to the east of the steps leading to the theatre door instead of close to the adjoining building. The well should be cement-rendered to within 3 or 4 feet from the bottom and the brick work should be carried up above ground to form a parapet 1-2 feet in height. Further the surface of the ground around the well should be concreted and cement surfaced for a radius of 6 feet round the well.

Mr. E. A. Hewett intimated that he did not think that the making of wells should be encouraged.

Once the well is made the water is sure to be used for drinking purposes.

The Vice President moved that the application be granted subject to certain conditions. The motion was carried by the liquid.

## RAT RETURNS.

During the week ending March the 7th, 389 rats were captured in the Colony, six of which were infected with plague, being a percentage of 1.54.

## LIME WASHING.

Up to March 1st, in the City of Victoria, 3263 houses had been limewashed. There had been 31 prosecutions and fines amounted to \$481.

## WATER ANALYSIS.

The examination by the Government Analyst of samples of drinking water, from the Pokfulam and Tytan reservoirs, Cheung Sha Wan and Kowloon supplies, showed that the liquid was of excellent quality.

## MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The summary of deaths for the first four weeks of the present year show a total of 394, none of which were due to plague.

## THE LIBEL ACTION.

Further evidence was given before the Puisne Judge, Mr. A. G. Wise, at the Supreme Court to-day, in the case in which Mr. T. Elvins is claiming from fifteen Indian watchmen the sum of \$500, as damages for an alleged libel contained in a letter dated 25th November last.

The Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., (instructed by Mr. E. J. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), appeared for the plaintiff, and in the absence of Mr. M. W. Slade, engaged in another case, Mr. J. Hastings represented the defendants.

Mr. Elvins was again examined and denied the allegations made against him by the defendants. Case adjourned.

THE CHINA AND MANILA  
STEAMSHIP CO., LD.

Following are the accounts for the year 1903:—

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Balance brought forward from 1902	\$ 44,354.81
Consulting committee's fees	4,000.00
Auditors' fees	400.00
Interest	25,912.59
Exchange	5,230.05
Charges	6,985.77
Depreciation on buoys, moorings and stores	968.58
Loss on working account	149,776.12
	\$237,657.92

Profit on sale of s.s. <i>Diamante</i>	\$142,748.40
Unclaimed dividends written off	562.52
Amount at credit of underwriting account transferred	31,223.36
Balance	63,123.66
	\$237,657.92

## BALANCE SHEET.

Liabilities.	
Authorised capital 30,000 shares @ \$50 each	\$1,500,000
Issued and fully paid 24,275 shares @ \$50 each	\$1,213,750.00
Calls on shares forfeited now belonging to the company	8,785.00
Sundry creditors	40,874.95
Company's bankers	446,933.32
	\$1,710,343.27

Assets.	
Value of fleet <i>Rubi</i> , <i>Zafra</i> , and <i>Perla</i>	\$1,486,317.75
Value of Hongkong buoys and moorings	\$ 3,478.25
Less depreciation for 1903	178.25
	3,300.00
Value of Manila buoys and moorings	\$ 4,195.32
Less depreciation for 1903	195.32
	4,000.00
Value of stores on hand \$7,095.01	
Less depreciation for 1903	595.01
	16,500.00
Coal on hand	15,137.00
Proportion of premises on current policies	54,759.37
Sundry debtors	15,104.36
Outstanding freights 1903	50,068.55
Cash	1,882.58
Balance of profit and loss account	63,123.66
	\$1,710,343.27

We have compared the above statements with the books and vouchers of the company and have found the same in accordance therewith.

T. ARNOLD,  
W. H. POTTS, } Auditors.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1904.

## SHIPPING AND MAILS.

## MAILS DUE.

English (*Sinla*) 11th inst.  
American (*Gaelic*) 11th inst.  
Indian (*Kumsang*) 15th inst.  
German (*Roon*) 15th inst.  
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 15th inst.  
German (*Hamburg*) 18th inst.  
Indian (*Sufsang*) 22nd inst.  
American (*China*) 25th inst.

## TELEGRAMS.

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SERVICE.

## THE WAR.

BOMBARDMENT OF PORT  
ARTHUR RENEWED.CONSIDERABLE HARM TO FORTS  
AND TOWN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Tokio, 9th March.

5.40 p.m.

The bombardment of Port Arthur was renewed last night by Admiral Togo's fleet. It is estimated that considerable harm was effected to the forts and town.

## ATTACK ON TALIEENWAN.

VIOLENT FIRE ON LAND  
DEFENCES.

A detached squadron has attacked Talienwan, the land defences being swept by a violent and concentrated fire from the ships.

Further details will be wired later.

## RAID ON VLADIVOSTOK.

BOMBARDED DURING FORTY  
MINUTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Tokio, 10th March.

11.35 a.m.

The Japanese Northern squadron attacked Vladivostok on the 6th instant, at midday.

A bombardment of the town and forts was maintained for forty minutes, with satisfactory results.

## RUSSIAN FLEET ABSENT.

CONSIDERABLE EXECUTION  
DONE.

The Japanese Admiral states that the squadron withdrew without loss after the action.

He was unable to engage the Russian fleet, which was nowhere to be seen.

The enemy's positions were crowded with soldiers, and considerable execution is believed to have been done.

## VLADIVOSTOK SHELLED.

JAPANESE SHIPS SPLENDIDLY  
HANDLED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

YOKOHAMA, 10th March,  
10.25 p.m.

Admiral Kamimura, who is in command of the Northern Squadron, reports as follows:—

"On the morning of the sixth we succeeded in approaching Vladivostok, and gained a position under the north-east shore batteries, where the fire from their guns could not reach the ships of the squadron."

"We vigorously shelled these positions and the town beyond, for forty minutes, making use of an indirect plunging fire."

## GARRISON SUFFERS.

FORTS DAMAGED.

"The effect of our fire was plainly visible from the ships."

"Serious damage was done to the enemy's forts, and the loss to the garrison must have been severe, for many of our shells burst amongst the soldiers we could see crowded inside the fortifications."

"No reply was made to our fire, as our ships were masked by the land."

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## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's.)

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LONDON, 8th March.  
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LATER.

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## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO

DECEMBER 31ST, 1903.

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60,000 shares at \$12 = \$720,000.00  
Less 14,000 shares not issued each \$12 = 168,000.00  
\$552,000.00  
Sundry creditors ... 9,141.46  
Balance of working account ... \$611,235.10

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Stock of rough and sawn timber, stores, material, &c. ... 91,707.04  
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Singapore, cash with ... 40,986.75  
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Cash in hand ... 4,629.13  
\$611,235.10

## WORKING ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To management, office expenses, and general charges at Hongkong, Sandakan and Kudat ... \$33,456.63  
Exchange, loss on ... 3,281.17  
Balance ... 50,093.64  
\$86,831.44

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By profit on sales of rough and sawn timber, &c. ... \$85,599.52  
Interest ... 1,291.47  
Scrip fees ... 10.50  
\$86,831.44

E. &amp; O. E.

Hongkong, February 29th, 1904.

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LD.

J. WHEELLEY,  
General Manager.

I have compared the above statement with the books and vouchers at the company's office and with the returns from the Borneo office and found it correct.

W. HUTTON POTTS,  
Auditor.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1904.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-fifth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the above company was held at the company's offices this morning. There were present:—Messrs. E. Goetz (Chairman), N. A. Siebs, A. G. Wood, E. Shellim, H. W. Slade, C. A. Tomes, A. Haupt (directors), G. L. Tomlin (secretary), R. C. Wilcox, J. Wheeley, J. J. Leiria, A. H. M. da Silva, T. H. Reid, A. V. Apar, C. Pemberton, Hart Buckland and Chau Pat.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The director's report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for the past three weeks, I will now adopt the usual custom and take them as read. It gives the Board much pleasure to present you with such a satisfactory result for the working of the year 1903 which is due to the loss ratio being only 41.70% of the premium income. This is exceptionally light and cannot be expected every year. I propose to deal with the profit of \$112,868.88 as follows:—dividend of \$6 and bonus of \$1 per share on 20,000 shares \$140,000.00, bonus to contributors of premia \$100.25, addition to extra reserve fund, which will then stand at \$125,675.56 as shown in the balance sheet \$52,915.14, transfer to investment fluctuation account, to meet difference between cost and market value of investments on 31st December, 1903, \$15,000.00, write off loss on sale of rural building lots Nos. 42 and 84 \$1,068.49, bonus to office staff \$1,785.00,—\$212,868.88, which we hope will meet with your approval. Being placed in the happy position of having built up the extra reserve fund to the equivalent of a year's dividend of \$6 we are now enabled to recommend the payment of a bonus of \$1 per share in addition to the usual dividend of \$6, or say 35% on the paid-up capital of the company. We trust that future profits will admit of the extra reserve fund being further increased while at the same time shareholders may have the benefit of a bonus in addition to their usual dividend. We thought it advisable to provide for certain depreciation in our investments and have set aside the sum of \$15,000 for that purpose. After writing down the said investments to their market value as on 31st December last the balance of \$2,361.71 to the credit of investment fluctuation account. In this connection I can assure you that the company's holdings of shares in other public companies are quite sound and our funds are invested in steady dividend-paying stocks, but as you know we have been passing through a period of depression and therefore these investments show a depreciation over their original cost. As business men I think you will agree with the Board in providing for this temporary depreciation. In regard to the company's surveys have reported on the properties under loan to us, and we are satisfied that our advances are perfectly safe. You will have noticed the disappearance from our balance sheet of the item, "Kudat Building Lots, Nos. 42 and 84." We received an offer for this property and decided to dispose of it, and I think the sale was a good one as far as we were concerned, although it showed a small loss, which we are now providing for. Our working account for 1903 shows a gain of \$60,149.81 over that of the previous year, owing, principally, to an increased premium and interest income and our losses being somewhat less. We hope that the sum carried forward will more than meet our unexpected liability under 1903 policies, and leave us with a satisfactory profit to deal with 12 months hence. During the past year we have taken two important steps in the company's business. First of all, we have decided to withdraw from Japan rather than lock up funds to the extent of 100,000 yen as a government deposit, and we are, therefore, allowing our risks to expire and, in the course of a few months, we will have no further liability in that country. The second step referred to is the opening of an agency in London for the transaction of United Kingdom reinsurance business. We are represented by a gentleman of considerable experience, and we are working with the tariff office, so we have hopes that the scheme we have entered upon will result in profit to the company. As, however, we only commenced to participate in business as from the Michaelmas Quarter, it would be somewhat premature to say anything further on the subject. Fires have been rather numerous both here and at our ports since the close of the year, but I am happy to say that we have not suffered any severe loss by any one of them. I will now move "that the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year 1903 as presented be adopted." After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put relating to business before the meeting.

Mr. Wilcox said:—I think, Mr. Chairman, we may all congratulate ourselves upon the report placed before us, and upon the remarks made by yourself. The vicissitudes of fire insurance are pretty well illustrated by the history of the last two years. Last year when I had the pleasure of seconding the adoption of the report, I remember deploring the fact that we had to take some \$18,500 from the extra reserve fund to make up our dividend and, at the same time, I expressed a pious hope that we should be able to restore that in the following year. Well, we have been able to do that; and more than that. We are going to enjoy a bonus of \$1 a share, which is very satisfactory to the shareholders. I quite coincide with the remarks of the Chairman that it will not do to expect another year like this directly. If we get one we shall be fortunate. The probability is we shall not get a succession of good years. It is a good thing to keep the additional reserve fund intact, as far as possible, ready for reverses so that we may be able to draw upon it to pay the usual dividend. With regard to the new features mentioned by the Chairman, we shall have to see how these are working before saying anything about them. I am pleased to know that it is possible to give a bonus to the staff. I am sure they deserve it; and the shareholders will be very pleased to endorse that. With these few remarks I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried.

## DIRECTORS.

On the proposition of Mr. Wheeley, seconded by Mr. Hart Buck, the appointments of Messrs. E. Shellim, H. W. Slade, C. A. Tomes, and A. Haupt to the Board of Directors were confirmed.

Mr. Leiria proposed, Mr. A. H. M. da Silva seconded, and it was agreed, that Messrs. Wood and Shellim be re-elected directors.

## AUDITORS.

It was proposed by Mr. Wheeley, and seconded by Mr. Apar, that Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditors.

Carried.

The Chairman—That is all the business gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be posted this afternoon. Thank you for your attendance.

## THE WAR.

## THE WAR FUND.

It will be seen on reference to our advertisement columns that, as mentioned in several days ago, a committee has been formed for the purpose of administering funds to be invited from the community for charitable purposes in connection with the present war.

## CONTRABAND OF WAR.

A Government notification to hand last evening states that the following telegram has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

London, 8th March.

"Russian declaration as to contraband states as follows:—En général tous les objets destinés à la guerre, sur mer ou sur la terre, de même que le riz, les vivres et les chevaux, bêtes de sommes, et autres pouvant servir dans un but de guerre et si elles sont transportées pour le compte ou à destination de l'ennemi."

[The translation of the above is as follows:—

"In general, all things destined to be used for the purposes of war, either at sea or on land, including rice, food of all kinds, horses and transport cattle. In fact, anything that may serve to aid in the war, when carried for the enemy on neutral ships or bound to one of his ports."—E.D., H.A.T.]

"Japan regards provisions as contraband of war when destined for the enemy's army or navy, or in cases where, being goods arrived at enemy's territory, there is reason to believe they are intended for the use of his army or navy."

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN WAR-TIME.

Profiting by past experience, and realising the losses sustained by the ravages of infectious disease in times of war, the authorities are taking steps to prevent it as far as possible during the coming campaign. It is pointed out that during the Japan-China War and also in the North China campaign the death-rate averaged 40 to 45 per cent. on the field and during siege, while those actually attacked by disease reached 73 per cent. With such results in a war of short duration the consequences of contagious disease during a war which may last for a year or two may well be imagined.

The authorities propose to establish in Korea, at all centres where it is considered necessary, military sanatoriums for the purpose of carrying out efficient measures for disinfection. In addition to this, there will be what is to be known as a disinfecting department in all field hospitals, where medical men, having the same responsibilities as military physicians, will be appointed to attend exclusively to measures for disinfection and prevention of infectious diseases.—Kobe Chronicle.

## THE DISPOSAL OF PRIZES.

It is interesting to watch the gradual evolution of international law and its approximation to the principles which animate the relations between individuals. Such a process seems to be going on at the present time with regard to the seizure of vessels that are not belligerents, but belong to the mercantile navy of the belligerent country. It is curious at first sight that there should be such a difference between property on land and property at sea in the case of belligerency. According to The Hague War Regulations, to which both Japan and Russia are parties, neither requisitions in kind nor services can be demanded from communities or inhabitants "except for the necessities of the army of occupation," while all contributions in kind shall, as far as possible, be paid for in ready money, and, if not, their receipt shall be acknowledged. In another Article it is provided that "an army of occupation can only take possession of the cash, funds, and property liable to requisition belonging strictly to the State, deposits of arms, means of transport, stores and supplies, and, generally, all movable property of the State which may be used for military operations."

Furthermore, while "railway plant, land telegraphs, telephones, steamers and other ships, apart from cases governed by maritime law," may be seized in case of an occupation of territory by an army, yet "they must be restored at the conclusion of peace, and indemnities paid for them." But while these regulations apply to property within the territorial dominions of a State which has been entered by a foreign army, enemy property at sea is subject to different rules from those which serve to govern it on land, and is liable to capture or confiscation wherever found on the high seas or in enemy waters. However, the advance of civilisation has had its effect even in this matter, and exemption from capture is now allowed by belligerents to enemy merchant ships which, at the outbreak of war, are on their way to one of their ports, and they also allow enemy merchantmen in their ports at its outbreak a certain time to leave them. It cannot be said, however, that Japan has shown much liberality in this respect during the present war, for she has seized at least one vessel which left a Japanese port with coal before hostilities broke out—a vessel which is not of Russian nationality, and which has been detained and her crew of non-Russians treated virtually as prisoners because from the moment that diplomatic relations with Russia were broken off, Japan has chosen to regard coal as contraband of war. Moreover, as regards the Russian non-belligerent vessels seized before any notice had been given that a state of war existed, Japan would in the special circumstance of the case have shown to better advantage if she had contented herself by removing from them any part of their cargoes declared to be contraband of war, and allowed them to proceed to their destinations.

We are glad to find, however, that it seems probable Japan will adopt the modern methods of dealing with prizes and abolish prize-money. Up to quite recently it has been regarded as a legitimate device by civilised Powers to issue authority to private vessels known as privateers, which were simply pirates protected by law, to prey upon the enemy's shipping and do him as much harm as possible by this system of licensed theft. Even the properly commissioned ships of war obtained profit from their captures, the vessel being surveyed and her value apportioned, the amount of which was divided among the officers and crew of the ship which made the capture. It was an evil practice, looked at from any point of view, and we understand that Japan does not intend to follow it. All vessels taken by the Japanese men-of-war, if adjudged by the Prize Courts to be lawful captures, will become the property of the State, and will be used in the national service, or if sold the proceeds will go into the Treasury. Prize money will therefore be abolished, or perhaps it would be better to say that the custom of awarding prize money when captures of the mercantile vessels of the enemy are made will not be instituted in Japan. Japan will thus be setting an excellent example, and one more step will be taken towards bringing even warfare within the domain of law. Perhaps the next step will be for the leading Powers to accept the proposal so often made by the United States, and immunity from capture accepted as the law of the sea in the case of merchant vessels unless where contraband of war is carried after due and ample notice has been given.—Kobe Chronicle.

## CONSTITUTION AND POWERS OF THE PRIZE COURTS.

At the present moment it may be interesting to give the terms of the Japanese Prize Court Law, which was promulgated in 1894 at the time of the Japan-China War, and still remains in force. The Law defines the constitution and powers of the Prize Court and the Higher (Appeal) Prize Court. Regarding the former, the Law provides that there shall be one President and six Judges, the President to be appointed from among the Judges of the Court of Appeal, while of the Judges one shall be a Naval Officer, two Judges of Courts, one a Judge Advocate, another a Councillor of the Legislative Bureau, and the sixth a Councillor or Secretary of the Foreign Department. The Court of Appeal is constituted of a President and eight Judges, of whom the President is appointed from among the Privy Councillors. Of the Judges, one must be a Privy Councillor, two must be Naval Officers, three Judges of the Supreme Court, with the Chief of the Legislative Bureau, and Chief of the Bureau of the Foreign Department. The constitution of both Courts is completed with the appointment of two inspectors, who with the Judges and Presidents are the nominees of the Premier and appointees of the Crown. The necessary officials are appointed by the Courts themselves.

With reference to the procedure after the seizure of vessels, any commander having captured a ship, shall deliver the same at the port where the Prize Court is situated, or order a subordinate officer to take the vessel to the Prize Court port. The officer shall immediately report the capture to the Prize Court, giving the reason for seizure and facts justifying the action. The President of the Court will then appoint a Judge to take charge of the case, who will take the evidence of the Captain and Officers of the vessel seized, and also, if necessary, the evidence of any of the captors. When the examination is concluded the Judge shall send his report and all documents to the Inspector of the Prize Court, who will draw up a formal opinion regarding the capture, whether in favour of release or detention, and submit the same to the Prize Court. On the Prize Court deciding that the prize is legally seized, notice shall be inserted in the *Official Gazette*, giving those interested an opportunity of lodging a protest within thirty days, but if no person presents an appeal, the Prize Court shall take final steps for investigation. On the other hand, if an appeal or protest is made, a day shall be appointed for the hearing. The appellant may employ counsel.

Regulations relating to procedure may be made by the Prize Court.

Inspectors and petitioners may appeal to the Higher Prize Court against lower Court decisions, the period within which they may appeal being twenty days after the Prize Court gives its decision. The appellants shall state in detail their reasons for appealing. If an Inspector appeals against a decision (in favour of a vessel) the latter shall be shown the petition of the Inspector, and *vice versa* an appellant must show his petition to the Inspector, whose office, it will be seen, is similar to that of Procurator. If the Higher Prize Court considers the further examination of facts or evidence necessary, the documents will be returned to the Prize Court for further examination.

All captures which the Courts decide to be legal shall become the property of the country. Vessels and cargo seized shall be kept in a naval depot until subject to investigation. The enforcement of investigations and decisions shall be carried out by the Inspectors of the Prize Courts, who are empowered to have the assistance of naval depots or the police.

The Prize Court Law consists of 32 Articles.—Kobe Chronicle.

## DEATH OF MR. TONG KID SON.

From the *China Gazette* of 4th inst.—  
Few Chinese in Shanghai were better known to foreigners than Mr. Tong Kid-son, the comprador of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., whose death has to be recorded to-day. The news will occasion widespread regret amongst foreigners as well as Chinese, for Tong was a man of many parts and numerous activities which brought him into contact with all sorts of people. He was one of the most enlightened and energetic of the younger generation of influential Chinamen, and his co-operation and advice in business were always valuable.

Mr. Tong Kid-son was the son of Mr. Tong Mow-chee, who died about twelve years ago, and succeeded his father in the position of com-

pradore to *Ewo*. He was educated in America at Yale, we believe, and was very pro-English in his tastes and habits.

He was a large-hearted, generous man, with hosts of friends and many who will have reason to lament his untimely death. He was the head of the Canton guild amongst other things and took a great interest in native education. He was only 43 years of age. His death is attributed to consumption.

## COMMERCIAL.

## TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.	
London—Bank T.T.	110/10
Do. demand	110/3 1/2
Do. 4 months' sight	110/7 1/2
France—Bank T.T.	237
America—Bank T.T.	44 1/2
Germany—Bank T.T.	189
India T.T.	137 1/2
Do. demand	137
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	71
Japan—Bank T.T.	9 1/2
Singapore—Bank T.T.	Nominal
Java—Bank T.T.	111
Buying.	
4 months' sight L/C	110/1
6 months' sight L/C	110/3
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	45 1/2
4 months' sight do.	46 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne	101
4 months' sight do.	102
4 months' sight France	237
6 months' sight do.	238 1/2
4 months' sight Germany	193 1/2
Bar Silver	26 7/16
Bank of England rate	4 1/2

## OPUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—	
	Per chest
Malwa New	920/920
" Last year	910/980
" Older	910/1,040
" Oldest	1,080/1,120
Batna New	1,265
Batna Old	1,245
Persian (Paper)	920/920

## To-day's Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

It has been decided to invite Subscriptions from the Community for the following objects in connection with the RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

1. Providing additional comforts in Hospital treating ALL SICK and WOUNDED from the War.
2. Subscriptions in aid of the Families of JAPANESE KILLED in the War.

It is proposed to communicate with His Britannic Majesty's Minister at Tokyo as to the distribution of the fund to the best advantage.

The respective funds will be administered at the discretion of the Committee for the above mentioned objects.

The following have agreed to serve on the Committee:—

Honble. Sir C. PAUL, D. CLARKE, CHATER, C.M.G., FUNG WA CHUEN, Honble. Dr. HO KAI, E. A. HEWETT, C.M.G., HO FOK, Honble. WEE YUK, HO TUNG, Honble. GERSHOM, D. R. LAW, STEWART, J. R. MICHAEL, Honble. H. E. POLLOCK, H. N. MOBY, K.C., A. J. RAYMOND, E. SHELLIM, CHAU SIU KI, J. R. M. SMITH.

Sir Paul Chater has agreed to act as Chairman while Mr. Smith and Mr. Hewett will act as Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, respectively.

Subscription Lists will be circulated in due course.

EDBERT A. HEWETT,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [361]

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THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING,"

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 13th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS, LARPAK &amp; CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [357]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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"YUENSANG,"

Captain P. H. Rolfe, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 13th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., General Managers.

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"ARRATON APCAR,"

Captain E. Fey, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at 3 P.M.

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DAVID SASSOON &amp; Co., LIMITED, Agents.

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"MALACCA"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 11 A.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 16th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

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(IN LIQUIDATION).

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J. GOOSMANN,

Liquidator.

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Sundry debtors ... 4,179.88  
Preliminary expenses ... 9,991.60  
Stock of rough and sawn timber, stores, material, &c. ... 91,707.04  
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Singapore, cash with ... 40,986.75  
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Hongkong, cash with ... 43,692.19  
Cash in hand ... 4,639.13  
\$611,235.10

## WORKING ACCOUNT.

Dr.  
To management, office expenses, and general charges at Hongkong, Sandakan and Kudat ... \$33,436.63  
" Exchange, loss on ... 3,281.17  
" Balance ... 50,093.64  
\$86,811.44

## Cr.

By profit on sales of rough and sawn timber, &c. ... \$85,529.52  
" Interest ... 1,291.42  
" scrip fees ... 10.50  
\$86,831.44

## E. &amp; O. E.

Hongkong, February 29th, 1904.

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LD.,

J. WHEELER,  
General Manager.

I have compared the above statement with the books and vouchers at the company's office and with the returns from the Borneo office and found it correct.

W. HUTTON POTTS,  
Auditor.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1904.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-fifth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the above company was held at the company's offices this morning. There were present:—Messrs. E. Goetz (Chairman), N. A. Siebs, A. G. Wood, F. Shellim, H. W. Slade, C. A. Tomes, A. Haupt (directors), G. L. Tomlin (secretary), R. C. Wilcox, J. Wheeler, J. J. Leiria, A. H. M. da Silva, T. H. Reid, A. V. Apper, C. Pemberton, Hart Buck and Chiu Pat.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The director's report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for the past three weeks, I will now adopt the usual custom and take them as read. It gives the Board much pleasure to present you with such a satisfactory result for the working of the year 1903 which is due to the loss ratio being only 47.0% of the premium income. This is exceptionally light and cannot be expected every year. I propose to deal with the profit of \$12,868.88 as follows:—dividend of \$6 and bonus of \$1 per share on 20,000 shares \$140,000.00, bonus to contributors of premia \$100.25, addition to extra reserve fund, which will then stand at \$125,675.56 as shown in the balance sheet \$52,915.14, transfer to investment fluctuation account, to meet difference between cost and market value of investments on 31st December, 1903, \$5,000.00, write off loss on sale of rural building lots Nos. 42 and 84 \$1,068.49, bonus to office staff \$3,785.00,—\$212,868.88, which we hope will meet with your approval. Being placed in the happy position of having built up the extra reserve fund to the equivalent of a year's dividend of \$6 we are now enabled to recommend the payment of a bonus of \$1 per share in addition to the usual dividend of \$6, or say 35% on the paid-up capital of the company. We trust that future profits will admit of the extra reserve fund being further increased while at the same time shareholders may have the benefit of a bonus in addition to their usual dividend. We thought it advisable to provide for certain depreciation in our investments and have set aside the sum of \$15,000 for that purpose. After writing down the said investments to their market value as on 31st December last the balance of \$2,561.71 to the credit of investment fluctuation account. In this connection I can assure you that the company's holdings of shares in other public companies are quite sound and our funds are invested in steady dividend-paying stocks, but as you know we have been passing through a period of depression and therefore these investments show a depreciation over their original cost. As business men I think you will agree with the Board in providing for this temporary depreciation. In regard to our mortgage the company's surveyors have reported on the properties under loan to us, and we are satisfied that our advances are perfectly safe. You will have noticed the disappearance from our balance sheet of the item, "Rural Building Lots, Nos. 42 and 84." We received an offer for this property and decided to dispose of it, and I think the sale was a good one as far as we were concerned, although it showed a small loss, which we are now providing for. Our working account for 1903 shows a gain of \$66,149.81 over that of the previous year, owing, principally, to an increased premium and interest income and our losses being somewhat less. We hope that the sum carried forward will more than meet our unexpired liability under 1903 policies, and leave us with a satisfactory profit to deal with 12 months hence. During the past year we have taken two important steps in the company's business. First of all, we have decided to withdraw from Japan rather than lock up funds to the extent of 100,000 yen as a government deposit, and we are, therefore, allowing our risks to expire and, in the course of a few months, we will have no further liability in that country. The second step referred to is the opening of an agency in London for the transaction of United Kingdom insurance business. We are represented by a gentleman of considerable experience, and we are working with the tariff offices, so we have hopes that the scheme we have entered upon will result in profit to the company. As, however, we only commenced to participate in business as from the Michaelmas Quarter, it would be somewhat premature to say anything further on the subject. Fires have been rather numerous both here and at our ports since the close of the year, but I am happy to say that we have not suffered any severe loss by any one of them. I will now move "that the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year 1903 as presented be adopted." After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put relating to business before the meeting.

Mr. Wilcox said:—I think, Mr. Chairman, we may all congratulate ourselves upon the report placed before us, and upon the remarks made by yourself. The vicissitudes of fire insurance are pretty well illustrated by the history of the last two years. Last year when I had the pleasure of seconding the adoption of the report, I remember deploring the fact that we had to take some \$18,500 from the extra reserve fund to make up our dividend and, at the same time, I expressed a pious hope that we should be able to restore that in the following year. Well, we have been able to do that; and more than that. We are going to enjoy a bonus of \$1 a share, which is very satisfactory to the shareholders. I quite coincide with the remarks of the Chairman that it will not do to expect another year like this directly. If we get one we shall be fortunate. The probability is we shall not get a succession of good years. It is a good thing to keep the additional reserve fund intact, as far as possible, ready for reverses so that we may be able to draw upon it to pay the usual dividend. With regard to the new features mentioned by the Chairman, we shall have to see how these are working before saying anything about them. I am pleased to know that it is possible to give a bonus to the staff. I am sure they deserve it; and the shareholders will be very pleased to endorse that. With these few remarks I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried.

## DIRECTORS.

On the proposition of Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hart Buck, the appointments of Messrs. E. Shellim, H. W. Slade, C. A. Tomes, and A. Haupt to the Board of Directors were confirmed.

## AUDITORS.

It was proposed by Mr. Wheeler, and seconded by Mr. Apper, that Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditors.

The Chairman:—That is all the business gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be posted this afternoon. Thank you for your attendance.

## THE WAR.

## THE WAR FUND.

It will be seen on reference to our advertisement columns that, as mentioned by us several days ago, a committee has been formed for the purpose of administering funds to be invited from the community for charitable purposes in connection with the present war.

## CONTRABAND OF WAR.

A Government notification to hand last evening states that the following telegram has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

London, 8th March.

"Russian declaration as to contraband states as follows:—En général tous les objets destinés à la guerre, sur mer ou sur la terre, de même que le riz, les vivres et les chevaux, bêtes de sommes, et autres pouvant servir dans un but de guerre et si elles sont transportées pour le compte ou à destination de l'ennemi."

[The translation of the above is as follows:—

"In general, all things destined to be used for the purposes of war, either at sea or on land, including rice, food of all kinds, horses and transport cattle. In fact, anything that may serve to aid in the war, when carried for the enemy on neutral ships or bound to one of his ports."—H.K. T.]

"Japan regards provisions as contraband of war when destined for the enemy's army or navy, or in cases where, being goods arrived at enemy's territory, there is reason to believe they are intended for the use of his army or navy."

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN WAR-TIME.

Profiting by past experience, and realising the losses sustained by the ravages of infectious disease in times of war, the authorities are taking steps to prevent it as far as possible during the coming campaign. It is pointed out that during the Japan-China War and also in the North China campaign the death-rate averaged 40 to 45 per cent. on the field and during siege, while those actually attacked by disease reached 73 per cent. With such results in a war of short duration the consequences of contagious disease during a war which may last for a year or two may well be imagined.

The authorities propose to establish in Korea, at all centres where it is considered necessary, military sanatoriums for the purpose of carrying out efficient measures for disinfection. In addition to this, there will be what is to be known as a disinfecting department in all field hospitals, where medical men, having the same responsibilities as military physicians, will be appointed to attend exclusively to measures for disinfection and prevention of infectious diseases.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

## THE DISPOSAL OF PRIZES.

It is interesting to watch the gradual evolution of international law and its approximation to the principles which animate the relations between individuals. Such a process seems to be going on at the present time with regard to the seizure of vessels that are not belligerents, but belong to the mercantile navy of the belligerent country. It is curious at first sight that there should be such a difference between property on land and property at sea in the case of belligerency. According to The Hague War Regulations, to which both Japan and Russia are parties, neither requisitions in kind nor services can be demanded from communities or inhabitants "except for the necessities of the army of occupation," while all contributions in kind shall, as far as possible, be paid for in ready money, and, if not, their receipt shall be acknowledged. In another Article it is provided that "an army of occupation can only take possession of the cash, funds, and property liable to requisition belonging strictly to the State, deposits of arms, means of transport, stores and supplies, and, generally, all movable property of the State which may be used for military operations." Furthermore, while "railway plant, land telegraphs, telephones, steamers and other ships, apart from cases governed by maritime law," may be seized in case of an occupation of territory by an army, yet "they must be restored at the conclusion of peace, and indemnities paid for them." But while these regulations apply to property within the territorial dominions of a State which has been entered by a foreign army, enemy property at sea is subject to different rules from those which serve to govern it on land, and is liable to capture or confiscation wherever found on the high seas or in enemy waters. However, the advance of civilisation has had its effect even in this matter, and exemption from capture is now allowed by belligerents to enemy merchant ships which, at the outbreak of war, are on their way to one of their ports, and they also allow enemy merchantmen in their ports at its outbreak a certain time to leave them. It cannot be said, however, that Japan has shown much liberality in this respect during the present war, for she has seized at least one vessel which left a Japanese port with coal before hostilities broke out—a vessel which is not of Russian nationality, and which has been detained and her crew of non-Russians treated virtually as prisoners because from the moment that diplomatic relations with Russia were broken off, Japan has chosen to regard coal as contraband of war. Moreover, as regards the Russian non-belligerent vessels seized before any notice had been given that a state of war existed, Japan would in the special circumstance of the case have shown to better advantage if she had contented herself by removing from them any part of their cargoes declared to be contraband of war, and allowed them to proceed to their destinations.

We are glad to find, however, that it seems probable Japan will adopt the modern methods of dealing with prizes and abolish prize-money. Up to quite recently it has been regarded as a legitimate device by civilised Powers to issue authority to private vessels known as privateers, which were simply pirates protected by law, to prey upon the enemy's shipping and do him as much harm as possible by this system of licensed theft. Even the properly commissioned ships of war obtained profit from their captures, the vessel being surveyed and her value apportioned, the amount of which was divided among the officers and crew of the ship which made the capture. It was an evil practice, looked at from any point of view, and we understand that Japan does not intend to follow it. All vessels taken by the Japanese men-of-war, if adjudged by the Prize Courts to be lawful captures, will become the property of the State, and will be used in the national service, or if sold the proceeds will go into the Treasury. Prize money will therefore be abolished, or perhaps it would be better to say that the custom of awarding prize money when captures of the mercantile vessels of the enemy are made will not be instituted in Japan. Japan will thus be setting an excellent example, and one more step will be taken towards bringing even warfare within the domain of law. Perhaps the next step will be for the leading Powers to accept the proposal so often made by the United States, and immunity from capture accepted as the law of the sea in the case of merchant vessels unless where contraband of war is carried after due and ample notice has been given.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

## CONSTITUTION AND POWERS OF THE PRIZE COURTS.

At the present moment it may be interesting to give the terms of the Japanese Prize Court Law, which was promulgated in 1894 at the time of the Japan-China War, and still remains in force. The Law defines the constitution and powers of the Prize Court and the Higher (Appeal) Prize Court. Regarding the former, the Law provides that there shall be one President and six Judges, the President to be appointed from among the Judges of the Court of Appeal, while of the Judges one shall be a Naval Officer, two Judges of Courts, one a Judge Advocate, another a Councillor of the Legislative Bureau, and the sixth a Councillor or Secretary of the Foreign Department. The Court of Appeal is constituted of a President and eight Judges, of whom the President is appointed from among the Privy Councillors. Of the Judges, one must be a Privy Councillor, two must be Naval Officers, three Judges of the Supreme Court, with the Chief of the Legislative Bureau, and Chief of the Bureau of the Foreign Department. The constitution of both Courts is completed with the appointment of two Inspectors, who with the Judges and Presidents are the nominees of the Premier and appointees of the Crown. The necessary officials are appointed by the Courts themselves.

With reference to the procedure after the seizure of vessels, any commander having captured a ship, shall deliver the same at the port where the Prize Court is situated, or order a subordinate officer to take the vessel to the Prize Court port. The officer shall immediately report the capture to the Prize Court, giving the reason for seizure and facts justifying the action. The President of the Court will then appoint a Judge to take charge of the case, who will take the evidence of the Captain and Officers of the vessel seized, and also, if necessary, the evidence of any of the captors. When the examination is concluded the Judge shall send his report and all documents to the Inspector of the Prize Court, who will draw up a formal opinion regarding the capture, whether in favour of release or detention, and submit the same to the Prize Court. On the Prize Court deciding that the prize is legally seized, notice shall be inserted in the *Official Gazette*, giving those interested an opportunity of lodging a protest within thirty days, but if no person presents an appeal, the Prize Court shall take final steps for investigation. On the other hand, if an appeal or protest is made, a day shall be appointed for the hearing. The appellant may employ counsel.

Regulations relating to procedure may be made by the Prize Court. Inspectors and petitioners may appeal to the Higher Prize Court against lower Court decisions, the period within which they may appeal being twenty days after the Prize Court gives its decision. The appellants shall state in detail their reasons for appealing. If an Inspector appeals against a decision (in favour of a vessel) the latter shall be shown the petition of the Inspector, and *vice versa* an appellant must show his petition to the Inspector, whose office, it will be seen, is similar to that of Procurator. If the Higher Prize Court considers the further examination of facts or evidence necessary, the documents will be returned to this Prize Court for further examination. All captures which the Courts decide to be legal shall become the property of the country. Vessels and cargo seized shall be kept in a naval depot until subject to investigation. The enforcement of investigations and decisions shall be carried out by the Inspectors of the Prize Courts, who are empowered to have the assistance of naval depots or the police. The Prize Court Law consists of 32 Articles.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

## DEATH OF MR. TONG KID SON.

From the *China Gazette* of 4th inst.—  
Few Chinese in Shanghai were better known to foreigners than Mr. Tong Kid-son, the comrade of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., whose death has to be recorded to-day. The news will occasion widespread regret amongst foreigners as well as Chinese, for Tong was a man of many parts and numerous activities which brought him into contact with all sorts of people. He was one of the most enlightened and energetic of the younger generation of influential Chinamen, and his co-operation and advice in business were always valuable. Mr. Tong Kid-son was the son of Mr. Tong Mow-chee, who died about twelve years ago, and succeeded his father in the position of com-

pradore to *Ewo*. He was educated in America at Yale, we believe, and was very pro-foreign in his tastes and habits.

He was a large hearted, generous man, with hosts of friends and many who will have reason to lament his untimely death. He was the head of the Canton guild amongst other things and took a great interest in native education. He was only 43 years of age. His death is attributed to consumption.

## COMMERCIAL.

## TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.	
London—Bank T.T.	1/10 1/2
Do. demand	1/10 3/16
Do. 4 months' sight	1/10 7/16
France—Bank T.T.	32
America—Bank T.T.	44 1/2
Germany—Bank T.T.	1.89
India T.T.	137 1/2
Do. demand	137 1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	71
Singapore—Bank T.T.	94
Singapore—Bank T.T.	Nominal
Java—Bank T.T.	111 1/2
Buying.	
4 months' sight L/C.	1/10 1/2
6 months' sight L/C.	1/10 3/16
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	45 1/2
4 months' sight do.	46 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne	1/10 1/2
4 months' sight France	2.37
6 months' sight do.	2.38 1/2
4 months' sight Germany	1.93 1/2
Bar Silver	25 7/16
Bank of England rate	4%

## OPUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—	
	Per chest
Malwa New	990/920
" Last year	940/980
" Older	1,000/1,040
" Oldest	1,080/1,120
Patna New	1,265
Benares New	1,245
Persian (Paper)	900/920

To-day's  
Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

IT has been decided to invite Subscriptions from the Community for the following objects in connection with the RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

1. Providing additional comforts in Hospital treating ALL SICK AND WOUNDED from the War.
2. Subscriptions in aid of the Families of JAPANESE KILLED in the War.

It is proposed to communicate with His Britannic Majesty's Minister at Tokyo as to the distribution of the fund to the best advantage.

The respective funds will be administered at the discretion of the Committee for the above mentioned objects.

The following have agreed to serve on the Committee:—

Honble. Sir C. PAUL, D. CLARKE, CHATER, C.M.G., FUNG WA CHUEN, Honble. Dr. Ho Kai, E. A. HEWETT, C.M.G., HO FOOK, Honble. WEI YUK, HO TUNG, Honble. GERSHOM, D. R. LAW, STEWART, J. R. MICHAEL, Honble. H. E. POLLOCK, H. N. MOY, K. C., A. J. RAYMOND, CHAU SIU KUI, E. SHELLIM, J. R. M. SMITH.

Sir Paul Chater has agreed to act as Chairman while Mr. Smith and Mr. Hewett will act as Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, respectively. Subscription Lists will be circulated in due course.

EDBERT A. HEWETT,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [361]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCOW. THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING," Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 13th instant, at 4 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LAFFRAK &amp; CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [357]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY. THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG," Captain P. H. Rolfe, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 13th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [359]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR," Captain E. Fey, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON &amp; Co., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [360]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"MALACCA," FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 2 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 16th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [4]

To-day's  
Advertisements.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE is hereby given that a GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Office of the Hon. C. P. CHATER, C.M.G., Victoria Buildings, Queen's Road, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon on SATURDAY, the 26th day of March, when the Liquidator will lay before the Shareholders a Final Report together with the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the following Resolution will be proposed, viz:—  
To those Shareholders who make a written application to the Liquidator, Mr. J. Goosmann, on or before the 2nd day of April, 1904, \$1 (Dollar One), or a fraction of same, will be returned per Share, and any Balance remaining after payment of Auditor's Fee, Printing and Petty Expenses is to be transferred to the credit of the Liquidator.

The Books of the Company are to remain in safe custody with Messrs. Melchers & Co. and to be destroyed after two years from date.

J. GOOSMANN,  
Liquidator.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [158]

WINDSOR GARDEN  
AND RESTAURANT,  
WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD,  
(HAPPY VALLEY),  
Past the Race Course.

## UNDER EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS are served in style at reasonable prices, and the

Attendance will be found satisfactory.

PARTIES' DINNERS, PICNICS, &c., can always be arranged for through the Manager.

The Scenery of and the View from the Garden would be hard to beat, and many customers have called it the loveliest spot in Hongkong.

CARRIAGES AND TRAPS can be had on hire. Come once and you will come again.

JACOBS & HUBER, Proprietors.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [336]

## Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL. CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB will give Two Performances of THE COMIC OPERA

"HIS EXCELLENCY,"

Written by W. S. GILBERT, Music composed by Dr. OSWUND CARR,

"TOMORROW," (FRIDAY), 11th MARCH,



## Shipping.

**Arrivals.**  
 Malacca, Br. s.s., 2,615, Street, 9th Mar.—  
 London 23rd Jan., and Singapore 3rd Mar.  
 Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
 Hanayang, Br. s.s., 1,206, Caswell, 9th Mar.—  
 Saigon 5th Mar, Rice.—B. & S.  
 Bourbon, Fr. s.s., 977, Antoni, 9th Mar.—  
 Saigon 5th Mar, Rice.—Man Fat.  
 Amberton, Br. s.s., 3,526, Williams, 9th Mar.—  
 Barry Dock 5th Jan., Coals.—Admiralty.  
 Eva, Norw. s.s., 1,926, Meyer, 9th Mar.—  
 Barry Dock 20th Jan., Coal.—Order.  
 Mercedes, Br. s.s., 3,000, McGregor, 9th Mar.—  
 Wellington, (N.Z.) 10th Feb., Coal.—  
 Naval Stores.  
 China, Ger. s.s., 1,150, Kruebbe, 9th Mar.—  
 Saigon 5th Mar, Rice.—E. A. T. Co.  
 Kweiyang, Br. s.s., 1,026, Meathrel, 9th Mar.—  
 Wuhu and Chinkiang 3rd Mar, Rice  
 and Gen.—B. & S.  
 Cressy, Br. cruiser, 12,000, Tudor, 9th Mar.—  
 from Mrs Bay.  
 Kansu, Br. s.s., 1,142, Badley, 9th Mar.—  
 Canton 9th Mar, Gen.—B. & S.  
 Hsi Ping, Br. s.s., 1,266, McFarlane, 10th Mar.—  
 Chingwangtao 3rd Mar, Coals.—C. E.  
 & M. Co.  
 Wakasa Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,881, Macmillan, 9th  
 Mar.—London 13th Jan., Gen.—N. Y. K.  
 Kwanglee, Ch. s.s., 1,474, Lincoln, 10th Mar.—  
 Canton 9th Mar, Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

## Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Hongkong, for West River.  
 Taklong, for Swatow.  
 Saxonia, for Yokohama.  
 Wankong, for Bangkok.  
 Son Cheong, for Canton.  
 Hoihing, for Kwong-chow-wan.  
 Benduck, for Nagasaki.  
 Decima, for Saigon.  
 Hoi Ho, for Canton.  
 Kwongchow, for Canton.  
 Chan On, for Wuchow.  
 Korea, for Shanghai.  
 Kansu, for Swatow.  
 Winkong, for Macao.  
 Foyle, for Kutchinotzu.

## Departures.

Mar. 10.  
 Korea, for San Francisco.  
 Telemachus, for Shanghai.  
 Benduck, for Nagasaki.  
 Tremont, for Manila.  
 Lugano, for Rangoon.  
 St. Nicholas, for Baseline.  
 Wankong, for Bangkok.  
 Benfedi, for Japan.  
 Hanayang, for Canton.  
 Saxonia, for Japan.  
 Decima, for Saigon.  
 Taklong, for Tientsin.  
 Store Nordiska, for Kiatschou.

## Passengers arrived.

Per China, from Saigon—Capt. Weidlich,  
 and 34 Chinese.  
 Per Malacca, for Hongkong from London—  
 Mrs. Laye and child, and Lieut. Simpson  
 Baikie. From Marseilles—Mr. A. E. Fearnley.  
 For Shanghai from London—Mr. and Mrs.  
 Buck, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Edkins, 2 infants  
 and nurse, Misses Stenhouse and Kidd, Messrs.  
 A. V. Pinson and R. S. Lewis. From Mar-  
 seilles—Mr. T. J. Cohn and native servant.  
 From London for Kobe—Mr. L. J. Kibble.

## Shipping Report.

Str. Bourbon from Saigon—Fine weather  
 and fog.  
 Str. Amberton from Barry Dock—Experi-  
 enced bad weather from Padaran, much fog  
 and heavy N.E. swell.

Str. Kweiyang from Wuhu—Strong breeze  
 and overcast to Turnabout, thence to port mod-  
 erate breeze and foggy weather, with smooth  
 sea.

Str. Hanayang from Saigon—Experienced  
 fine clear weather, with light to moderate S.E.  
 wind until early this morning, when light fog set  
 in off Gap Rock.

Str. Hsi Ping from Chinwangtao—Strong  
 Ely winds and N.W. gale in Gulf of Pichili,  
 afterwards light N.W. winds, and dull rainy and  
 misty weather, nearly all the way.

## Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Slmha	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	Mar. 11
Gaelic	Shanghai	O. & O. Co.	Mar. 11
Australan	Manila	G. L. & Co.	Mar. 12
Emp. of China	Japan	C. P. R. Co.	Mar. 15
Roon	Japan	M. & Co.	Mar. 15
Indrasambha	Japan	P. & A. Co.	Mar. 15
Kumang	Singapore	J. M. & Co.	Mar. 15
Trieste	Singapore	S. W. & Co.	Mar. 15
Hamburg	Colombo	M. & Co.	Mar. 18
Suisang	Singapore	J. M. & Co.	Mar. 22
China	San Francisco	P. M. Co.	Mar. 25

## Hongkong &amp; Whampoa Dock Returns.

Ellen Rickmers	at Kowloon Dock
Else	"
Solent	"
Sungkiang	"
Stolberg	"
Lin Tan	"
H.I.G.M.S. Moewe	"
H.M.S. Glory	"
Kaifong	"
Seestern	"
Taichong	"
Beechley	Aberdeen
Salfordia	Cosmopolitan

## Vessels in Port.

## STEAMERS.

Algon Bay, Br. sq., 1,111, Title, 4th Mar.—  
 Hongkong 15th Feb., Coal.—B. & S.  
 Amara, Br. s.s., 1,566, Mattock, 6th Mar.—  
 Moji 1st Mar, Coal.—J. M. & Co.  
 Andree Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,020, Köhn, 7th  
 Mar.—Bangkok 29th Feb, Rice.—A. K.  
 & Co.  
 Arratoon Apar, Br. s.s., 2,931, Fey, 8th Mar.—  
 Calcutta 20th Feb., Penang and Singa-  
 pore 2nd Mar, Gen.—D. S. & Co., Ltd.  
 Beechley, Br. s.s., 2,864, Forseth, 24th Feb.—  
 Mororan 12th Feb., Coal.—D. S. & Co., Ltd.  
 Chingtu, Br. s.s., 1,459, Howie, 6th Mar.—  
 Australian Ports 14th Feb, Gen.—B. & S.  
 Cawshan, Br. s.s., 1,281, Jenkins, 4th Mar.—  
 Saigon 19th Feb, Rice and Meal.—B. &  
 Co.  
 Else, Ger. s.s., 903, Petersen, 1st Mar.—  
 Canton 1st Mar, Gen.—J. & Co.  
 Eretna, Br. s.s., 2,252, Mulcahy, 29th Feb.—  
 New York 24th Dec., Case Oil.—S. O. Co.  
 Eastern, Br. s.s., 3,600, Ellis, 8th Mar.—Kobe  
 3rd Mar, Gen.—G. L. & Co.  
 Foyle, Br. s.s., 2,690, Page, 8th Mar.—Moji  
 1st Mar, Coal.—M. B. K.  
 Hugin, Norw. s.s., 829, Solberg, 6th Mar.—  
 Sourabaya 26th Feb, Sugar.—Thoresen &  
 Co.  
 Independen, Ger. s.s., 871, Ziegler, 29th Feb.—  
 Saigon 23rd Feb, Rice.—S. W. & Co.  
 Ischia, Ital. s.s., 2,784, Dante, 7th Mar.—  
 Singapore 1st Mar, Gen.—C. & Co.  
 Kaifong, Br. s.s., 1,024, Pennelather, 2nd Feb.—  
 Cebu via Iloilo and Manila 30th Jan.,  
 Gen.—B. & S.  
 Madeleine Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,020, Sanders,  
 4th Mar.—Bangkok 27th Feb, Rice.—B.  
 & S.  
 Onsang, Br. s.s., 1,787, Davies, 7th Mar.—  
 Sourabaya and Samarang 27th Feb,  
 Sugar.—J. M. & Co.  
 Peleus, Br. s.s., 4,800, Barwise, 29th Feb.—  
 Puget Sound via Japan 31st Jan., and  
 Esquimalt 2nd Feb, Gen.—B. & S.  
 Phra Chom Kiao, Ger. s.s., 1,012, Reimers, 6th  
 Mar.—Bangkok 29th Feb, Rice.—B. & S.  
 Progress, Ger. s.s., 687, Bremer, 8th Mar.—  
 Saigon 4th Mar, Rice.—S. & Co.  
 Proteus, Norw. s.s., 1,628, Moller, 4th Mar.—  
 Manila 29th Feb, Ballast.—E. A. T. Co.  
 Rajaburi, Ger. s.s., 1,189, Wendig, 5th Mar.—  
 Bangkok 28th Feb, Rice and Timber.—  
 M. & Co.  
 Stolberg, Ger. s.s., 1,553, Deinst, 4th Mar.—  
 Shanghai 1st Mar, Gen.—H. A. L.  
 Taming, Br. s.s., 1,352, Stott, 3rd Mar.—  
 Cardiff 16th Jan, Coal.—B. & S.  
 Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,310, Williamson, 19th  
 Feb.—Saigon 14th Feb, Rice and Meal.—  
 Nam Wo & Co.  
 Trocas, Br. s.s., 2,657, Phillips, 6th Mar.—  
 Singapore 23th Feb, Petroleum.—A. K.  
 & Co.  
 Tsinan, Br. s.s., 1,023, Mitchell, 29th Feb.—  
 Saigon 23th Feb, Rice and Meal.—J. M.  
 & Co.  
 Tsintau, Ger. s.s., 1,002, Koch, 6th Mar.—  
 Bangkok 27th Feb, Rice.—B. & S.  
 Victoria, Am. s.s., 2,112, Truebridge, 4th Mar.—  
 Tacoma 6th Feb, and Moji 29th, Gen.  
 —J. & Co., Ltd.

## SAILING VESSELS.

Karl Ella, Ger. schooner, 47, Buehl, 26th  
 Feb.—Yap 13th Feb, Copra.—Owner.

## Ships Passed The Canal.

Outward—9th February—Nithsdale, Sandy-  
 ford, Strathnevis, Savoia, 12th February—  
 Armand Warrior, Behic, Asama, Telemachus.  
 17th February—Patroclus, Cymbeline, Trieste.  
 20th February—Ningchow, Frankly, 24th  
 February—Benalder, Monmouthshire, Pala-  
 wan, 15th March—Salasie, Cathartes, Flit-  
 vic, Glenarney, 4th March—Opach, Arle-  
 misia, Benlawers, Prinsesse Marie, Evandale,  
 Craggsdale, 8th March—Formosa, Jesterie,  
 Marie Valerie, Sikh, Prinz Heinrich, Jason.

Homeward—9th February—Nurnberg, 12th  
 February—Luther, Bayern, 20th February—  
 Flitschire, Polynesian, 21th February—  
 Roely, 4th March—Ernest Simons, Hudson,  
 8th March—Nestor, Vindobona.

Arrivals at Home—9th February—Prom-  
 theus, Manila, Shenandoah, 12th February—  
 Kiatschou, 17th February—Dardanus, In-  
 drani, 19th February—Ceylon, 24th Febru-  
 ary—Calchas, China, 4th March—Yaptsze,  
 Glenroy, Pyrrhus, 7th March—Japan, 8th  
 March—Glenfarg, Georgian Prince.

## VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

**THOMAS.**  
 Aldrich, E. R.  
 Berran, C. F.  
 Clum, E. D.  
 Coyle, J.  
 Crego, R.  
 Edward, E.  
 Farrar, F. O.  
 Frank, G.  
 Gristeen, G.  
 Heray, H.  
 Hough, Dr.  
 Lorenie, Mrs. F.  
 Loredie, J. O.  
 Perfect, J. O.  
 Rankin, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Sutton, Ju.  
 Trill, Mr. and Mrs. R. W.  
 Wal, U.  
 Wexler, Mr.  
 Whitley, Mr.  
 Yah, Chas. W.  
 Young, L. C.

**CRAIGIEBURN.**  
 Austen, R. N.  
 Surgeon and Mrs.  
 Bent, Capt. and Mrs.  
 Bent, Mrs.  
 Craifton, R. H.  
 Dann, G. H.  
 Duff, J. S.  
 Gaskell, Mr. and Mrs.

**KOWLOON.**  
 Rest, C. H.  
 Clark, Lieut. T. F.  
 Mitchell, Mr.  
 Plumb, Miss I. J.  
 Iremonger, Lieut. Col.  
 and Mrs.  
 Vicer, D.  
 Yokura, K.

## Post Office.

A Mail will close for—  
 Canton—Per Kinsan, 11th Mar., 7:30 A.M.  
 Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island,  
 Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane,  
 Sydney and Melbourne—Per Eastern, 11th  
 Mar., 11 A.M.  
 Saigon—Per Amara, 11th Mar., 11 A.M.  
 Kobe—Per Independent, 11th Mar., 11 A.M.  
 Macao—Per Heungshan, 11th Mar., 1:15 P.M.  
 Shanghai—Per Kwangsi, 11th Mar., 3 P.M.  
 Kongmoon, Kunchuk and Samsui—Per  
 Tungkong, 11th Mar., 3 P.M.  
 Chinkiang—Per Tingsang, 11th Mar., 4 P.M.  
 Moji—Per Oscar II, 11th Mar., 5 P.M.  
 Namtao—Per Taichun, 11th Mar., 5 P.M.  
 Sanbue—Per Hoi Fu, 11th Mar., 5 P.M.  
 Macao—Per Wingchui, 11th Mar., 5 P.M.  
 Canton—Per Hanow, 11th Mar., 5 P.M.  
 Canton—Per Fatshan, 12th Mar., 7:30 A.M.  
 Manila—Per Fatshan, 12th Mar., 9 A.M.  
 Manila—Per Fatshan, 12th Mar., 10 A.M.  
 Singapore, Penang and Bombay—Per Tschia,  
 12th Mar., 10 A.M.  
 Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per  
 Coromandel, 12th Mar., 11 A.M.

## Macao—Per Heungshan, 12th Mar., 1:15 P.M.

## Kongmoon, Kunchuk and Samsui—Per

## Tungkong, 12th Mar., 3 P.M.

## Amoy and Manila—Per Yunsang, 12th

## Mar., 5 P.M.

## Namtao—Per Taichun, 12th Mar., 5 P.M.

## Sanbue—Per Hoi Fu, 12th Mar., 5 P.M.

## Macao—Per Wingchui, 12th Mar., 5 P.M.

## Canton—Per Hanow, 13th Mar., 9 A.M.

## Namtao—Per Taichun, 13th Mar., 9 A.M.

## Sanbue—Per Hoi Fu, 13th Mar., 9 A.M.

## Macao—Per Wingchui, 13th Mar., 9 A.M.

## Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiching,

## 13th Mar., 9 A.M.

## Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, (B.C.) and

## Tacoma—Per Victoria, 16th Mar., 10 A.M.

## Europe, &amp;c., India, via Tuticorin—Per

## Room, 16th Mar., 11 A.M.

## Yokohama and Kobe—Per Trieste, 16th

## Mar., 4 P.M.

## Manila—Per Rubi, 19th Mar., 9 A.M.

## Kobe—Per Chingtu, 21st Mar., 3 P.M.

## Europe, &amp;c., India, via Tuticorin—Per

## Sydney, 22nd Mar., 11 A.M.

## Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,

## Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per Empress

## of China, 30th Mar., 11 A.M.

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## THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. J. I. Plum-  
 mer, Chief Assistant of the Hongkong Obser-  
 vatory:—  
 On the 10th at 11:20 a.m. the barometer  
 has risen in Eastern Japan, and fallen in N.  
 China. The changes elsewhere are slight.  
 Gradients are moderate on the China Coast  
 and slight in other directions. Moderate mon-  
 soon will be met with in the Formosa Channel  
 and light variable winds in the China Sea.

Forecast:—Light E. winds; overcast, fair.

March 9th to March 10th  
 Barometer 30.00 29.90  
 Temperature 72 73  
 Humidity 90 85  
 Rainfall —

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.  
 March 10th, 1904, a.m.  
 Bar. Th. Hu. Wind W.

Vladivostok 7 a.m. — — — —  
 Nemuro 6 a.m. 30.16 — — — —  
 Hakodate " 30.25 — — — —  
 Tokyo " 30.14 — — — —  
 Kochi " 30.03 — — — —  
 Nagasaki " 30.07 — — — —  
 Kagoshima " 30.03 — — — —  
 Oshima " 30.04 — — — —  
 Naha " 29.93 — — — —  
 Ishigakijima " 29.93 — — — —  
 Taihoku 5 a.m. 30.00 — — — —  
 Taichu " 30.00 — — — —  
 Tainan " 29.98 — — — —  
 Koshun " 29.97 — — — —  
 Pescadore " 30.00 — — — —  
 Weihaiwei 9 a.m. 30.09 45 — —  
 Gutzlaf " 30.17 45 84 — —  
 Sharp Peak " 30.09 55 87 — —  
 Amoy 6:30 a.m. 30.11 58 88 — —  
 Swatow 9 a.m. — — — —  
 Canton " 30.05 66 92 — —  
 Hongkong 10 a.m. 30.05 66 92 — —  
 Victoria Peak " 30.03 — — — —  
 Gap Rock " 30.03 — — — —  
 Macao " 30.01 61 — — — —  
 Haiphong " 29.99 83 61 — —  
 Manila " 29.99 83 61 — —  
 Bacod " 29.99 83 61 — —  
 Iloilo " 29.93 81 — — — —  
 Cebu " 29.97 84 — — — —  
 C. St. James 10 a.m. — — — —

CONNAUGHT.  
 Bain, J. W.  
 Bell, J. M.  
 Bell, J. F.  
 Boyce, W. B.  
 Christie, Mr. & Mrs. D.  
 Cronin, John  
 Dufour, Mrs. B.  
 Dulot, Mme.  
 Eyre, Mr. and Mrs. H.  
 Franck, Miss V.  
 Greenacre, Ed.  
 Hayter, L.  
 Heckford, R. G.  
 Helme, E. B.  
 Hills, L. D.  
 Howard, E.  
 Kennedy, E. J.  
 Layng, Mrs. H. and  
 child  
 Lee, G. E.

PEAK.  
 Lutgens, R.  
 Martin, R.  
 McDermott, A. P. B.  
 Mortimore, Miss E.  
 Morris, Dr. and Mrs.  
 Moxon, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Herbert  
 Ollis, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Pollock, H. E.  
 Post, N.  
 Pratt, Major and Mrs.  
 Quirensse, Capt. N.  
 V. W.  
 Rauchholz, Mr.  
 Reid, T. H.  
 Sawyer, Mrs. W. E.  
 Sinclair, A.  
 Smith, A. Findlay  
 Smith, C. W.  
 Spackhaver, W. O. C.  
 Steles, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Stevenson, D.  
 Sutcliffe, Mr. and  
 Mrs. J. and child  
 Uffel, W. von  
 Watkins, R. E., Capt.  
 and Mrs.  
 Watson, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Wenborn, S. T.  
 White, Dr. and Mrs.  
 M. J.  
 Yates, Mr. & Mrs. C. C.

Wright, Mr. and Mrs.  
 E. A.  
 Wellman, E.  
 Whitton, Mrs. A. M.  
 Raub Australian Gold Mining  
 Co., Ltd.  
 Chinese Engineering & Min-  
 ing Co., Ltd.

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock  
 Co., Ltd.  
 S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co.,  
 Ltd.  
 Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf  
 & Godown Co., Ltd.  
 New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.  
 Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf  
 & Godown Co., Ltd.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.  
 China Provident Loan &  
 Quiesner, Mr.  
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 Hongkong Land Investment &  
 Agency Co., Ltd.  
 K'loon 1st and Building Co., Ltd.  
 West Point Building Co., Ltd.  
 Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.  
 Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd.  
 (Shanghai)  
 Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd.  
 (Shanghai)  
 Humphreys Estate & Finance  
 Co., Ltd.  
 Shai Land Investment Co., Ltd.

COTTON MILLS.  
 Hongkong Cotton Spinning,  
 Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.  
 Ewo Cotton Spinning &  
 Weaving Co., Ltd.  
 International Cotton Manufac-  
 turing Co., Ltd.  
 Laos-kung-mow Cotton Spin-  
 ning & Weaving Co., Ltd.  
 Soy Chee Cotton Spinning  
 Co., Ltd.

CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.  
 Alhambra, Ltd.  
 Philippine Co., Ltd.  
 Shanghai - Sumatra Tobacco  
 Co., Ltd.

MISCELLANEOUS.  
 Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.  
 China-Borneo Co., Ltd.  
 A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.  
 Watkins, Ltd.  
 Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.  
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 Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.  
 Hongkong Rope Manufac-  
 turing Co., Ltd.  
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.  
 Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.  
 Hongkong High-Level Tram-  
 ways Co., Ltd.  
 Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.  
 Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.  
 Bell's Asbestos Eastern  
 Agency, Ltd.  
 United Asbestos Oriental  
 Agency, Ltd.  
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 Hongkong Steam Water-boat  
 Co., Ltd.  
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 and Cleaning Co., Ltd.  
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NOTE.—b.=buyers, s.=sellers, sa.=sales.

## THE SHARE MARKET.

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	TODAY'S QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.			
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 125	Div. of £1.10/- & bonus of 10/- @ 1/8 = \$2.09 for half-year ending 31.12.1903	\$610
National Bank of China, Ltd.	\$ 6	3/6 = \$1 for 1903	\$34 b.
Do. Founders.	\$ 1	None	\$10
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Union In. Society of C'lon, Ltd.	\$ 100	32 per cent = \$32 per share for 1902	\$480 s.
China Traders' In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	16 % = \$4 for year ended 30.4.1903	\$54 b.
North China In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	Final of £1 making £2 for 1902	Tls. 68
Yangtze In. Association, Ltd.	\$ 60	20 % = \$12 for 1901	\$130
Canton In. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	30 % = \$15 per share for 1902	\$175 sa.
FIRE INSURANCES.			
Hongkong Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$24 per share for 1902	\$280 ex div. b.
China Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$6 div. & \$1 bonus per share for 1902	\$83 ex div.
SHIPPING.			
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$1 1/2 for half-year ending 31.12.1903	\$27
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	5 % = 10/- per share for 1902	\$50
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	10 % = \$5 per share for 1900	\$21
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Div. of £3 for year ended 30.6.1903	\$32 sa.
"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$1.20 = 12 % for year ending 30.6.1903	\$30
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	60 cts. = 30/403	\$18 1/2 sa.
Interim of 1/- for 1903	\$ 1		19/- b.
Taku Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 2 % for 1903	Tls. 36
Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 4 % = Tls. 2.00	Tls. 48 b.
Do. Preference	Tls. 50	Interim of 3 1/2 % = Tls. 1.75	Tls. 46 b.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1903	\$108 b.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$3 per share for 1897	\$10 s.
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	5 % = Tls. 2 1/2 for year ending 30.9.03	Tls. 50 sa.
MINING.			
Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 11	None	\$1 s.
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fr. 250	Interim of Frs. 30 for 1903	\$500 a.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	£0.18.10	No. 12 of 1/- per share 28.1.01	\$6 1/2 b.
Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd.	£ 1	No. 2 of 1/- per share 26.10.03	Tls. 6
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$6 div. & \$1 bonus for 1/2 year 30.6.03	\$205 sa.
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	{ Interim of Tls. 5 for 1/2-year ending 31.10.1903	Tls. 143 b.
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Interim of \$2 1/2 for 1903	\$95 b.
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 6 1/2	\$2 1/2 for 1902	\$37 1/2 s.
Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1903	Tls. 207 1/2 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.			
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	8 % = 80 cents per share for 1903	\$9
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Final of \$6 making \$12 for 1903	\$148
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$2.60 per share for 1903	\$35 s.
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	Final of \$1.70 making \$3.20 for 1903	\$54
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$6 for first 1/2-year 1903	\$143
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	\$ 25	2 1/2 % for year ending 30.6.03	\$26 sa.
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	Tls. 25	6 % for year ending 31.3.03	Tls. 15 1/2 sa.
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	9 per cent. for 1903	\$10 1/2 b.
S'hai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	{ Final of 6 % & bonus of 4 % making 16 % for 1903 }	Tls. 110
COTTON MILLS.			
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	{ Final of 60 cents, making \$1 for 1902/1903 }	\$15 1/2 s.
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	8 % for period ended 31.10.1903	Tls. 31 s.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Tls. 75	Interim of 3 % on account of 1898	Tls. 25 b.
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898	Tls. 32 1/2 sa.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 500	4 % for period ended 31.12.1897	Tls. 170 s.
CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.			
Alhambra, Ltd.	\$ 500	25 % for year ending 30.6.1900	\$200
Philippine Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	First year	\$10 b.
Shanghai - Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ltd.	Tls. 20	Interim of Tls. 3 per share	Tls. 52 b.
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	12 % = \$1.20 per share for 1902	\$24 1/2 sa.
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$ 12	First year	\$8 1/2 b.
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Interim of 5 % for 1903	\$14 1/2 sa.
Watkins, Ltd.	\$ 10	8 1/2 per share for 1902	\$7 1/2 s.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	90 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$12 1/2
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	45 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$7
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.	£ 10	10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1902	\$140 b.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$10 for 1903	\$150 sa.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	15 per cent = \$3.75 for 1903	\$47 ex div.
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Interim of \$12 making \$16 for 1903	\$235
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$20 for year ending 31.11.1903	\$300
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$1 1/2 for year ending 31.7.1903	\$12 1/2 b.
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Div. of \$2 1/2 for 1902	\$40 s.
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	£0.12.6		\$5 s.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 4	90 cents }	\$9 1/2 b.
Do. Founders.	\$ 10	\$29.70 } for year ending 31.5.03	\$210 b.
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Final of 6 % making 12 % for year	\$15 1/2 s.
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	None	\$5
William Powell, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1 for year ended 30.6.1903	\$9 1/2
Maatschappij tot Mijn-, Bosch- en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat, Limited	Guilders 100	{ 5th interim dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 paid 15.12.1903 making 50 for Tls. 35 for the year ending 31.10.03 }	Tls. 300 s.
Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	First year	\$50
South China Morning Post, Ltd.	\$ 25	First year	\$25
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" Oxford Dress Shoes ... "	6.00 8.50
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" Shoes ... "	4.00 to 7.00
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" Calf Shoe ... "	9.00
Black Calf Shoe ... "	6.50
" Glace Kid Shoe ... "	8.50
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Superfine White Zephyr or Cambric, Soft Front Stiff Cuffs ... "	4.00
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